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OFFICERS:

N. Q. Adams, Moderator.
S. Z. Dobbs, Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Eli Snow, B. C. McGasity and R. W. Cotton.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING:

Ebenezer Church, Choctaw County, Mississippi, three miles
south of Stewart.

DELEGATES OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:

Rev. F. R. Burney, Alternate.
S. R. Gordan.

JACKSON, MISS.:
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1905.

Order of Business.

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2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
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17. Report of Executive Board.
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19. Appointment of Standing Committees.
20. Prayer.

Ministerial Register.

N. Q. Adams, Sturgis.
David Burney, Ackerman.
Moses Black, Ackerman.
F. R. Burney, Huntsville.
C. H. Dobbs, Mathiston.
W. A. Edwards, Ackerman.
W. H. H. Fancher, French Camp.
G. W. Henson, French Camp.
G. S. Jenkins, Maben.
J. T. Pearson, Longview.
J. H. D. Watson, Weir.
B. E. Watson, Weir.
Joseph Watson, Maben.
J. R. Nutt, Ackerman.
J. L. Smith, Weir.
E. L. Taylor, Ackerman.
M. A. Carr, McCool.

Licentiates.

W. P. Griffin, Ackerman.
J. E. Perry, Ackerman.
John Perry, Ackerman.
Samuel R. Gordan, Chester.
J. B. Worrell, Fentress.
H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman.
S. A. Wilson, Sturgis.
W. T. Crowson, Chester.
J. J. Franklin, Eupora.
R. A. Eddleman, Weir.

HISTORICAL TABLE.

DATE.....	PLACE.	INTRODUCTORY SERMON.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.
1892	Chester	Organization..	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Long	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1895	Methlehem	W. H. H. Fancher	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1896	Providence	Charles H. Lewis	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1897	Pleasant Ridge	David Burney	W. H. H. Fancher	J. R. W. Foster
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkins	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1899	Mount Pisgah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1900	Beulah	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. H. Fancher	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1904	Clear Springs	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1905	Self Creek	J. K. Thornton	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs

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2. Systematic Giving—H. L. Rhodes, J. P. Johnson, and R. D. Prewitt.
3. Sunday School—J. J. Carter, W. A. Taylor and W. J. Frazier.
4. Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—J. R. Nutt, E. R. Seward and Money Adams.
5. Publications—David Burney, S. D. McCarty and Jesse Weeks.
6. Temperance—W. H. N. Fancher, B. C. McGassity and D. F. Franks.
7. Sustentation—M. A. Carr, J. H. Eddlemen, Wiley Smith.
8. Obituaries—J. L. Smith, R. E. Hannah, D. M. Berry.
9. Orphanage—J. H. D. Watson, Tom Trussell, J. H. McCarty.
10. Nominations—R. M. Cotton, F. T. Milligan and A. R. Hester.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Chester Baptist Association met in its Thirteenth Annual Session, with Self Creek Church, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, September the 30th A. D., 1905.

The Moderator being abesent the Association was called to order by S. B. Dobbs, Clerk. When Bro. N. Q. Adams was elected Moderator Bro. Tem who after making some remarks called on Rev. H. J. Vanlandingham to lead in prayer.

The Moderator then appointed Rev. J. R. Nutt and M. T. Milligan reading clerks, and Bros. Noah Fondren, J. T. McKee and W. J. Frazier on the Finance Committee.

The church letters were then read, and the following list of delegates enrolled from same.

Spring Hill—J. W. Kellum, J. V. Skelton, Tom Stedman and W. F. Fondren.

Wake Forest—D. M. Berry, R. E. Hannah, Jr., N. A. Adams, L. Walker, alternate.

Ackerman—Rev. J. R. Nutt, David Burney and S. B. Dobbs.

Double Springs—J. L. Neelly, N. M. Moore, Wesley Fulgham, W. T. McIlwain.

Providence—T. B. McCarty, S. D. McCarty, Arthur Renolds.

Poplar Creek—J. W. Vail, S. G. Threadgill.

French Camp—W. A. Taylor and W. J. Wilson.

Bethlehem—E. Snow, C. D. Dunn and Billie Graves.

Fellowship—Noah Fondren, G. H. McClain and Estelle Middleton.

Fentress—C. O. Edwards, C. D. Prewitt and Wm. Blain.

New Haven—J. W. Simpson, John Ray, J. H. Tabor.

Bethany—J. M. Weaver, W. Stedman and Elbert Medders.

Bluff Springs—C. H. Franklin, John Lindsey, Jeff Brown, alternate.

Blythe Creek—F. T. Miligan, M. Brooks, B. Long and A. R. Hester.

Center Grove—W. E. Douglass, C. T. Woods, J. W. Douglass, James Ray, alternate.

Crape Creek—Charley Rushing, John Pace and Willie Bramlett

Bear Creek—W. J. Frazier, M. A. Carr, Robert Wade and Locket Black.

Ebenezer—J. A. Vaughan, A. M. Neely, Hilliard Wills and F. R. Burney.

Sturgis—M. B. Stroud, A. F. Richardson and R. L. Webb.

Self Creek—R. C. Crow, W. E. Williams, E. O. Neely.

Mt. Moriah—J. J. Rayborn, J. H. Kite and J. T. Howard.

Woods Springs—T. V. Fox, Sam Riddell and J. M. Dean.

Ruhama—Sam Gordan, Jr., Joe Albutton, Jr., and B. C. McGasity.

New Zion—Mitchell Commander, Naomie Hodges and John Higgins.

Clear Springs—J. L. Smith, T. M. Ramage, W. P. Pruden, J. D. Biggers, alternate.

Mt. Pisgah—C. S. Bowles, H. F. Brock, B. F. Bolles and Elisha Bowles.

New Hope—P. F. Josey, Jas. Claridy and Doss Sherdan.

Mt. Olivet—J. W. Butler, J. T. McKee and C. H. Butler.

Pleasant Riders and J. R. McCurtains
Trussell and W. J. Beulah—S. C. man.

Long View—Buchner.
Ennis—R. M. Sykes Chap Sanders.

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Pleasant Ridge—N. Q. Adams, L. C. Fundesberg, W. W. Sanders and J. R. McIntosh.

McCurtains Creek—Henry Hodges, K. L. Tennison, J. A. Trussell and W. J. Trussell.

Beulah—S. C. Steele, E. D. Bowie, J. M. Smith and Dick Eddleman.

Long View—T. E. Vesey, H. P. Sealy, R. M. Daniels and E. A. Buchner.

Ennis—R. M. Patterson and Ben McClelland.

Sykes Chapel—R. B. Lewis, John A. Sykes, G. W. Hall and L. Sanders.

The hour having arrived for the preaching of the introductory sermon, the Association suspended business to hear the same, which was preached by Rev. J. K. Thornton, of Starkville, Miss., from 2nd Thessalonians, 2-13, after which there was prayer by Rev. David Burney.

On motion the Association adjourned until half past one o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Assembled at half past one o'clock, congregation singing, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."

The Moderator appointed the pastor and deacons of Self Creek Church, Jesse Neely, Joe Brooks and D. M. Berry as Committee on Devotional Exercise.

The Association then went into permanent organization, when Rev. N. Q. Adams was elected Moderator, and S. B. Dobbs Clerk by acclamation, after which was led in prayer by Rev. J. T. Sargeant.

Upon call for petitionary letters Long View Baptist Church presented a petitionary letter, and on motion was received as a member of this Association when the moderator extended to the delegates of said church the right hand of Christian fellowship.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, and special prayer was offered for Bro. W. H. H. Fanchen, led by the moderator.

Call For Correspondence.

The following messengers were present from the Louisville Association: T. D. Wallace, B. F. Wallace, J. T. Seargent and Walter Seargent.

Proceedings of the

Columbus Association: Rev. H. J. Vanlandingham, M. K. Thornton and H. H. Sykes.

Zion Association: D. M. Ray.

Chicago Association: R. R. Ray.

Return Correspondence.

Louisville Association: N. Q. Adams.

Kosciusko Association: W. J. Frazier, F. R. Burney, W. A. Taylor, David Burney and M. A. Carr.

Columbus Association: David Burney.

Zion Association: B. F. Bollis and J. W. Fancher.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: W. J. Wilson, B. C. McGasity, F. R. Burney, David Burney, N. Q. Adams, S. B. Dobbs.

Report of the Committee on Being Absent

The moderator appointed Rev. J. R. Nutt and F. R. Burney to act on said committee. The moderator appointed W. A. Taylor, B. C. McGasity and Jasper Watson to fill vacancies in Committee on Orphanage, and S. D. McCarty and J. R. Nutt to fill vacancies in Committee on Publication.

The committee made the following report on

Missions.

Missions is God's method of giving salvation to a lost world. Giving the Gospel to those who have it not is the supreme mission to the Missionary Baptist church, and when we as Baptists fail in this world-wide mission we fail to carry out the command of our Lord when he said, "Go, ye, into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Last year Southern Baptists gave \$283,415.88 for foreign missions, with the largest receipts and largest number of converts. The Foreign Mission Board reported the largest number of new missionaries ever sent out in the history of Southern Baptists. The Baptists of Mississippi gave to foreign missions last year \$21,161.89. While this is an advance over what we have ever done before, yet it is small when it is known that there are 115,062 Baptists in the state.

God has gloriously blessed all the departments of our mission work. Dr. A. V. Rowe, the corresponding secretary of our State Mission Board, is vigorous in finishing the work of state missions, and

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In the glorious work that God has committed into our hands let us remember that he has promised to be with us to the end, and if we go in His name, somewhere in the future we shall conquer the world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Nutt.

After discussion by J. R. Nutt, W. A. Taylor, W. J. Wilson, M. K. Thornton, J. T. Seargent, H. J. Vanlandingham, R. R. Ray and S. D. McCarty the report was adopted.

The regular order of business was suspended, and the selection of a place for the meeting of the next Association was taken up, which resulted in the selection of Ebenezer church, which is situated three miles south of Stewart, Miss., on the Southern railroad in Choctaw County, Miss.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise made the following partial report:

H. J. Vanlandingham to preach at 11 o'clock a. m. in the house; J. T. Seargeant in the grove; J. R. Nutt to preach at 2 o'clock p. m. in the house, and F. R. Burney in the grove.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sunday Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, congregation singing, "Will you meet them there?"

The moderator read the 116th Psalm, prayer led by F. R. Burney. S. B. Dobbs, president of the Baptist Sunday School convention of the Chester Association, called the convention to order and proceeded with the business of the convention.

The president appointed W. A. Taylor, M. A. Carr and Noah Fondren on Committee of Credentials.

The secretary being absent, on motion F. R. Burney was elected secretary pro tem.

The Committee on Sunday Schools not being ready to report proceeded with the discussion of the subject of Sunday Schools which

was discussed by Elders H. J. Vanlandingham, W. H. Thompson, J. R. Rutt, J. W. Vale, J. T. Seargent and Walter Seargent.

The committee made the following report on

Sunday Schools:

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report:

No. of schools reported last year, 15.

No. of schools reported this year, 11.

No. of pupils last year, 539.

No. of pupils this year, 435.

No. of conversions reported last year, 40.

No. of conversions reported this year, 29.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

After discussion by W. A. Taylor the report was adopted.

The convention then went into the election of officers for another year which resulted as follows:

President, S. B. Dobbs.

Vice-president 1st district, E. L. Taylor.

Vice-president 2nd district, W. A. Taylor.

Secretary, H. L. Rhodes.

On motion the convention adjourned.

S. B. DOBBS, President;

F. R. BURNEY, Sec. Pro Tem.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.	Kind of Literature...	Number Teachers...	Number Pupils...	Sunday School Expenses	Baptisms.
Ackerman.....	S. B. Dobbs.....	Everett Cole.....	S. B. Con.	4	50	\$18 00	.....
Mt. Olive.....	W. W. Kellum.....	Duffie McKee.....	S. B. Coll.	4	56	2 77	.....
Longview.....	Jas. Clarida.....	Mollie Funderburg..	S. B. Coll.	3	60	3 00	3
Pleasant Ridge..	Tommie Crow.....	H. F. Brocker.....	S. B. Coll.	4	43	4 00	5
Ruhama.....	Wm. Dodd.....	Ira Harrell.....	S. B. Coll.	4	40	1 25	3
Mt. Pisgah.....	W. F. Fulgham.....	E. O. Towles.....	Union	3	30	.....	3
Self Creek.....	B. Box.....	Sam Dyre.....	Baptist.	3	65	80	3
Crape Creek.....	.....	.....	S. B. Coll.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bluff Springs..	W. Vall.....	J. H. Coleman.....	S. B. Coll.	4	42	12 69	1
Poplar Creek.....	J. W. Ramage.....	A. P. Coleman.....	S. B. Coll.	5	24	3 00	.....
Clear Springs.....	S. C. Steele.....	Clark Burks.....	S. B. Coll.	3	25	.....	.....
Beulah.....	J. J. Carter.....	G. L. Tollerison.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
French Camp.....	J. O. Beach.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	42	435	\$ 58 51	26

Eleven O'clock Services Sunday.

Bro. H. J. Vanlandingham, of the Columbus Association, preached from the pulpit from Matt. 25, "The Parable of the Talents," and Bro. J. T. Seargent, of the Louisville Association, at the stand from John 3:7, "Ye must be born again."

At the close of the service a collection was taken for associational missions amounting to \$14.45.

Afternoon Service.

Rev. J. R. Nutt preached in the house at 2 o'clock p. m. from Ephesians 3:8, "The unsearchable riches of Christ," which was a great sermon on missions.

Monday Morning Session.

The Association was called to order by the moderator. After singing the Association was led in prayer by Rev. W. H. Thompson.

The moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Missions: F. R. Burney, O. F. Chamblee and G. D. Weatherall.

Systematic Giving: H. L. Rhodes, J. P. Johnson and R. D. Prewitt.

Sunday School: J. J. Carter, W. A. Taylor and W. J. Frazier.

Mississippi College and Ministerial Education: J. R. Nutt, E. R. Seward, Money Adams.

Publications: David Burney, S. D. McCarty and Jesse Weeks.

Temperance: W. H. H. Fancher, B. C. McGasity and Dan Franks.

Sustentation: M. A. Carr, J. H. Eddleman and Miley Smith.

Obituaries: J. L. Smith, R. E. Hannah and D. M. Berry.

Orphanage: J. H. D. Watson, Tom Trussell and J. H. McCarty.

Nominations: R. M. Cotton, F. T. Milligan and A. R. Hester.

The committee read the following report on

Publications

The printing press is in a sense the lever that moves the world. There is no human instrumentality that is as potent for shaping human thought and action as the reading of good literature.

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great and lasting evil will result from reading cheap and trashy literature.

To counteract the baleful influence of the corrupt publications that fill the earth, it becomes our imperative duty to see that wholesome literature be disseminated throughout the world. Nothing is as good as the Bible, God's inspired Word, but next to the Bible is the various religious publications issued by our different religious bodies.

Your committee would heartily recommend *The Baptist*, our state paper, the greatest helper in all our denominational work. We recommend *The Orphanage Gem*, and all the literature of every kind published by the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. Above all let nothing but good literature get into our homes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. NUTT.

S. D. McCARTY.

The report was spoken to by Bro. S. D. McCarty, Rev. W. H. Thompson, H. J. Vanlandingham, J. R. Nutt, Dr. A. V. Rowe; and adopted.

Dr. A. V. Rowe spoke at length on publications and missions. "Take *The Baptist* and get yourself in touch with the work which Jesus began."

The committee made the following report on

Systematic Giving.

We, your committee appointed on Systematic Giving, beg leave to submit the following: If we have learned the meaning of the word, "Systematic," correctly; it is pertaining or proceeding according to system—a regular order or method. In every successful business in this life, system occupies a prominent part. The truth is, no business can be run successfully without a system, then if it is necessary in the different avocations of life, may we not have a system in all our church work? We think it is absolutely necessary among Christians. Is it not taught in that best of all books, that we shall give to the poor and needy? Also that we give for the spread of the Gospel? Can we do this without system or plan? Every truly converted man or woman trusts in Christ as their Saviour, but we are apt to forget His claims as workers. Are we not filled with gratitude and praise for what He

has done for us, but do we not very often forget what we can and should do for Him?

Do we give to this grace of giving the attention that its importance demands? Shall we be satisfied until it can be said of all the churches composing this body that they abound in this grace? What do most of our churches need today? If you will allow us to answer this question we would say, information, prayer, work and their duty to give systematically. We have grace, grit and some greenbacks, and if the people are properly educated on this subject they will adopt a plan, and give liberally of their means that our Heavenly Father has entrusted to them. Let each of us set a resolution this day that we will give liberally and willingly at stated times during each year in the future as He has prospered us; if we do this and begin now, in a few years the reports in the letters will be ten times greater than they are today. No better plan can be adopted than God's plan—it is the best—it cannot be improved—the main thing for us is to be willing to do as we are commanded.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. W. FOSTER,
B. C. McGASITY,
J. M. MURPHY.

After discussion by Bro. B. C. McGasity and others the report was adopted.

The following report was read on

Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.

Last year was the best year for Mississippi College in her history. The number of students reached 376, which was the largest enrollment by 43 that the college has ever had in a session. There is now over \$100,000.00 cash endowment, and notes for several thousand dollars more that will be due January 1, 1906. Baptists everywhere are coming to see the good that the college is doing, and are supporting it with more money.

The Jennings family have given \$20,000.00 to erect a Memorial Building to the memory of Capt. Z. D. Jennings. The General Education Board has pledged \$25,000.00 for a Science Building on the condition that the Baptists of the state raise \$75,000.00 for other needed buildings. Dr. W. T. Lowery is now at work at, and will

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On account of yellow fever in the state the present session will not open until October 19th. Last year 47 ministerial students were enrolled, 31 receiving assistance from the Board. More than \$1,400.00 was given last year by the churches and individuals for this cause. By the strictest economy the Board came out with \$22.81 cash on hand. Let every one increase the amount of his gifts this year, and let those give something who heretofore have given nothing. The future of the Baptist cause in Mississippi depends largely on the labors of those boys who receive help from the Ministerial Board.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. RHODES,
J. F. WEEKS.

After being discussed by Rev. W. H. Thompson, H. J. Vanlandingham, W. A. Taylor, Bro. Burney, J. R. Nutt and W. J. Wilson the report was adopted.

Bro. F. R. Burney made an appeal for Fentress church, when the following amounts were collected:

Beulah church.....	\$ 5 00
Bear Creek.....	5 00
Balance.....	10 65
Total.....	\$20 65

The committee made the following report on

Temperance

The use of alcoholic liquors is productive of great evil to individuals, communities, and especially to the youths of our country. It has been the wreck of many happy homes and has sent thousands of human souls to destruction. It has made more widows and orphans than all other causes combined. Therefore we express our sympathy with all friends of temperance, and we will give our prayers, influence and efforts to put down the evil.

N. Q. ADAMS,
Chairman.

Spoken to by N. Q. Adams, F. T. Milligan, S. D. McCarty, H. J. Vanlandingham and A. V. Rowe. On motion the report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

To the representatives of Choctaw and Oktibbeha counties:

Resolved, that it is the spirit of this Baptist Association in convention at Self Creek church, that you be asked to do what you can to gain state-wide prohibition. Resolution adopted by rising vote.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, that we heartily endorse the bold and fearless stand taken by the Memphis News-Scimitar in denouncing lawlessness in all places and withdrawing all whiskey advertisements from its columns.

The committee made the following which was adopted: Report on

Obituaries:

Your Committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following:

We find from the reading of the letters from the various churches of our Association that some of our noble brothers and sisters have been called from their labors of love in the church of Christ to their home of rest above.

We will make mention of one, our beloved Brother Joseph Peacock, who spent the major part of his life in the ministry of the Gospel. He departed this life the second Sunday in August 1905. We cannot mention the names of all our dead in this report, but they were all well known to some of this body, and will be greatly missed by their loved ones, who are left behind, but we hope that our loss is their eternal gain. Let each of us who have been spared to meet at this Association resolve to do more for the cause of Christ the remaining part of our lives than we have in the past, knowing that the time will soon come with each of us that we will have to die.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. McCARTY,
B. E. WATSON,
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Committee.

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The Orphanage.

After discussion by Dr. A. V. Rowe the report was adopted.
We, your Committee on the Orphanage, beg leave to submit the following report:

The State Convention while in session at Hattiesburg, the trustees and superintendents were authorized to erect a new brick building at a cost of \$7,000.00 which was to have been finished by Sept. 1, 1905, which would solve the room problem. The total amount raised last year was \$17,361.17. Amount paid out was \$16,776.55, leaving a balance on hand of \$564.62. The trustees of the orphanage hold a title to 112 acres of land in the northwest suburbs of Jackson, Miss., the original cost of which was \$2,400.00. The property is now valued at \$60,000.00.

Spoken to by Rev. David Burney and A. V. Rowe and adopted.

Upon the adoption of the report a collection was taken for Sustentation, which amounted to \$14.35.

On motion, the funds collected for associational purposes were given to Bro. W. A. Edwards.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted, as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

To the Chester Association:

I beg to submit the following report of the money received and disbursed by me during the associational year 1904:

1904.		
Oct. 3.	To cash on hand at last report	\$ 3 54
Oct. 3.	To amount received from Finance Committee—Minutes	32 75
Oct. 3.	To amount received from Finance Committee—Foreign Missions	20 35
Oct. 3.	To amount received from Finance Committee—Home Missions	12 75
Oct. 3.	To amount received from Finance Committee—State Missions	14 05
Oct. 3.	To amount received from Finance Committee—Orphanage	17 50

Oct. 3. To amount received from Finance Committee—Ministerial Education	14 50	
Oct. 3. To amount received from Finance Committee—Associational Purposes	32 10	
Oct. 3. To amount received from Finance Committee—Bro. Edwards	25 01	
Oct. 10. By amount paid Bro. W. A. Edwards	\$ 25 01	
Oct. 17. By amount paid A. V. Rowe—Home Missions	12 75	
Oct. 17. By amount paid A. V. Rowe—Foreign Missions	20 35	
Oct. 17. By amount paid A. V. Rowe—State Missions	14 50	
Oct. 17. By amount paid W. T. Lowrey—Ministerial Education	14 50	
Oct. 17. By amount paid J. R. Carter—Orphanage	17 50	
Oct. 17. By amount paid N. Q. Adams, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention	16 35	
Nov. 22. By amount paid printing Minutes	25 75	
Nov. 22. By amount paid postage and express	7 15	
Nov. 22. By amount paid Clerk	10 00	
1905.		
Sept. —. By amount paid postage and paper	1 00	
Sept. 30. By cash on hand to balance	8 14	
	\$ 172 55	\$ 172 55

Respectfully submitted,
S. B. DOBBS, Treasurer.

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Finance Report.

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report:

1905.		
Sept. 30. Received for Minutes	\$ 35 35	
Sept. 30. Received for State Missions	6 10	

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Sept. 30.	Received for Home Missions	19 13
Sept. 30.	Received for Foreign Missions	21 98
Sept. 30.	Received for Associational Missions..	20 65
Sept. 30.	Received for Ministerial Aid	1 50
Sept. 30.	Received for Orphanage	26 48
Sept. 30.	Received Sunday collection.....	14 41
Sept. 30.	Received for Sustentation	14 35
Sept. 30.	Received for other sources	1 95

Oct. 2.	By amount paid Bro. A. V. Rowe, for	\$ 14 35
	Sustentation	14 45
Oct. 2.	By amount paid Bro. Edwards.....	131 10
Oct. 2.	Cash transferred to Treasurer.....	
		\$ 159 90 \$ 159 90

Respectfully submitted,

NOAH FONDREN,
W. J. FRAZIER,
J. T. McKEE.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Nominations.

We recommend J. R. Nutt to preach the next introductory sermon,
and H. L. Rhodes alternate.

Executive Committee: Frank Cole, Eli Snow, B. C. McGarity.
R. M. COTTON, Chairman.

On motion, the report on Nominations was adopted.

The Association then elected Rev. F. R. Burney as delegate to
the Southern Baptist Convention, with Bro. S. R. Gordon as alternate.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the
membership of Self Creek church and community for their kindness
shown the delegates and visitors of this Association during their stay
here.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Benediction by Bro. A. V.
Rowe.

N. Q. ADAMS, Moderator.

S. B. DOBBS, Clerk.

Abstract of Faith.

1. We believe in only one living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Deut., 6:4; Matt., 12:29; I John, 5:7:

2. We believe the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rule of Faith and practice. II Tim., 2:16; Rom., 10:18.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Eph., 1:4, 5 and 11; II Thes., 2:13; Rom., 9:11 and 11:5.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Ps., 51:1-5; Rom., 7:14, 17.

5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Rom., 9:16; John, 6:44.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the imprinted righteousness of Christ only. Rom., 25:54; Col., 2:13.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. John 10:16; I Thes., 2:12; John 12:2; I Cor. 6:11.

8. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Col., 3:3; I Pet. 1:5.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion only was the apostolic practice. Matt., 28:19-26 and 27; Col., 2:12; Rom., 6:5.

10. We believe in the resurrection after death, and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John; 5:20, 28; II Cor., 5:10.

11. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and came under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Eph., 4:5; I Cor., 9:15; Acts, 14:23; I Tim., 4:14.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts, 2:41, 42; Thes., 3:36.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

Total.

Printing
Minutes.

Ministerial
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Other Objects

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STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor	Associated Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Objects.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Printing Minutes.	Total.
Aberman	\$ 400 00		\$34 25	\$105 75	\$ 18 00			\$ 61 50	\$ 2 45	\$ 127 30	\$ 15 00	\$ 19 00			\$ 1 50	\$ 810 38
Bethlehem	40 00	\$ 300 00						2 45	2 45	2 45		5 00			1 00	13 35
Blythe Creek	130 00	50 00								3 50		17 35			1 00	349 00
Bear Creek				2 75					5 00	10 00					1 25	214 35
Bethany	140 00			18 50	1 25			7 25	1 95	9 10		1 53			1 05	164 70
Beulah	31 00			5 35	80				1 53	1 53	3 25	2 00			1 00	56 39
Bluff Springs	27 10						2 00		2 00			1 00			1 00	41 50
Clear Springs							1 25		1 00			1 00			1 00	4 00
Center Grove												1 00			1 00	5 40
Crape Creek				2 00					2 15			2 60			1 70	11 95
Double Springs								2 65	1 00	4 00					1 00	50
Ebenezer							50		1 15	2 00					1 00	13 45
Ennis				9 80						34 40	10 00	25 00			1 50	477 49
Fellowship	234 40	65 00	18 75	50 55	12 60			15 50		5 00	6 50	3 00			1 50	88 70
French Camp	28 10	20 80	2 00	6 55		\$ 5 00		6 25		1 00		5 20			1 00	9 95
Fentress				2 10	2 77		1 00		2 00	1 50					1 00	5 60
Fenturains Creek								6 00	6 00	6 25		10 00			1 00	456 55
McClure	50 00	350 00		21 30			1 85		5 25	16 00					1 00	11 00
Mt. Olivet				9 15						5 00					1 00	158 70
Mt. Pisgah				9 30											1 25	88 38
New Zion	136 45			4 10			2 00	2 00		5 00					1 10	39 80
New Haven	72 63			10 00			1 50	5 00		3 35		4 00			1 50	82 60
New Hope	23 60			3 00	7 00	1 00				10 20	70 20				1 25	22 35
Pleasant Ridge	50 00		9 65	11 00	8 23	1 65			6 00		9 40				1 00	226 23
Plover				21 00					3 35	3 65		4 00			1 20	22 25
Popular Creek	90 00			2 50	6 00		3 26								50	60 85
Rutana				12 00	3 00		2 50								50	103 50
Spring Hill	34 00			25 50											1 25	95
Sturges	75 00														1 00	154 07
Sykes Chapel				18 00	4 00		1 25	7 07	2 00	1 00		1 00			1 00	4 00
Self Creek	45 00									2 00		2 30			1 50	62 70
Wake Forest															1 50	1 50
Wood Springs	30 00			7 40												
Longview																
	\$ 1,655 88	\$ 880 45	\$ 64 50	\$ 339 80	\$ 66 74	\$ 7 65	\$ 22 75	\$ 115 72	\$ 63 18	\$ 255 03	\$ 127 60	\$ 104 90	\$ 10 00	\$ 1 20	\$ 35 35	\$ 3,771 13

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR AND POST OFFICE.	CLERK AND POST OFFICE.	ADDED BY—			LOST BY—			Total Increase.	Total Decrease.			Total Membership.	Value of Church Property.	Organized.
			Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Excluded.	Death.							
Ackerman ..	J. R. Nutt, Ackerman ..	J. D. Johnson, Ackerman ..	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	119	3	\$ 1,000 00	1888
Bethlehem ..	J. T. Sargent, Ackerman ..	E. Snow, Ackerman ..	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	125	2	500 00	1835
Blythe Creek ..	N. O. Adams, Sturges ..	A. B. Hester, Mathiston ..	1	2	2	6	6	3	3	3	9	110	9	400 00	1872
Beulah ..	J. T. Sargent, Ackerman ..	H. R. Black, Ackerman ..	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	72	72	2	500 00	1861
Bethany ..	R. E. Watson, Weir ..	W. S. Stedman, Ackerman ..	13	2	1	2	2	1	15	2	2	84	2	300 00	1885
Bear Creek ..	W. H. H. Fancher, Fre'h C'p ..	Q. M. Frazier, McCool ..	6	1	1	3	3	1	7	3	4	243	4	800 00	1885
Bluff Spring's ..	J. H. D. Watson, Weir ..	C. H. Franklin, Eupora ..	6	1	1	10	10	1	15	2	10	136	10	400 00	1885
Clear Spring's ..	J. L. Smith, Weir ..	J. H. Coleman, Weir ..	8	6	6	7	7	1	15	2	3	78	3	250 00	1862
Double Sp's ..	Jasper Watson, Maben ..	J. L. Neely, Maben ..	5	2	2	7	7	1	7	1	5	140	5	300 00	1821
Ebenezer ..	F. R. Burney, Huntsville ..	J. A. Vaughan, Fentress ..	4	3	3	5	5	1	7	3	7	84	7	300 00	1874
Fellowship ..	T. H. Middleton, Clarkson ..	J. W. Woodward, Mathiston ..	2	4	4	6	6	3	6	3	5	85	5	300 00	1852
French Ca'p ..	J. R. Nutt, Ackerman ..	C. W. Burks, French Camp ..	4	7	7	11	11	5	11	5	6	82	6	1,200 00	1852
Fentress ..	F. R. Burney, Huntsville ..	Rufus D. Prewett, Fentress ..	4	4	3	7	7	1	7	1	1	50	1	300 00	1892
McCur'n Crk ..	J. H. D. Watson, Weir ..	W. J. Trussell, Weir ..	4	4	3	7	7	6	7	6	10	113	10	600 00	1840
Mt. Olivet ..	T. H. Middleton, Mathiston ..	T. F. McKee, Sturges ..	3	1	1	3	3	2	15	2	2	89	2	500 00	1847
Mt. Moriah ..	H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman ..	H. R. Kite, Weir ..	11	4	4	15	15	2	10	2	2	106	2	300 00	1845
Mt. Pisgah ..	J. T. Carroll, Eupora ..	B. F. Bollis, Mathiston ..	6	4	4	10	10	2	1	3	4	158	4	400 00	1886
New Zion ..	W. H. H. Fancher, Fre'h C'p ..	Bob Keen, Weir ..	4	1	1	7	7	3	7	3	3	120	3	500 00	1885
New Haven ..	J. H. D. Watson, Weir ..	J. A. Chamberlee, Weir ..	1	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	3	59	3	500 00	1885
New Hope ..	N. B. Wallace, Lookfoma ..	W. W. Carpenter, Longview ..	3	2	2	7	7	2	3	2	2	137	2	300 00	1885
Pleasant R'e ..	N. B. Wallace, Lookfoma ..	J. A. Brown, Bradley ..	3	2	2	7	7	2	3	2	2	138	2	300 00	1885
Providence ..	J. H. D. Watson, Weir ..	S. D. McCarty, Weir ..	11	1	1	12	12	5	12	5	12	110	12	800 00	1849
Poplar Creek ..	W. H. H. Fancher, Fre'h C'p ..	L. J. Booth, Kilnichael ..	6	4	4	10	10	2	10	2	2	141	2	500 00	1886
Ruhama ..	W. H. H. Fancher, Fre'h C'p ..	J. R. W. Foster, Chester ..	1	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	1	35	1	300 00	1889
Spring Hill ..	N. Q. Adams, Sturges ..	J. W. Kellum, Ackerman ..	6	4	4	10	10	2	10	2	2	76	2	600 00	1901
Sturges ..	J. L. Hughes ..	R. L. Webb, Sturges ..	1	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	1	58	1	650 00	1889
Sykes Cha'l ..	J. D. Hendricks, Bradley ..	R. L. Lewis, Bradley ..	1	1	1	3	3	2	6	3	5	97	5	150 00	1853
Self Creek ..	W. H. Thompson, Maben ..	E. O. Neely, Maben ..	7	14	14	22	22	1	22	1	22	22	22	1905	1905
Wake Forest ..	M. Black, Ackerman ..	G. B. Green, Sturges ..	1	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	3	64	3	300 00	1889
Wood Forest ..	J. C. Peacock, Elbow ..	W. A. Woods, Tomnolen ..	4	3	3	7	7	1	7	1	7	30	7	600 00	1901
Crape Creek ..	J. L. Smith, Weir ..	A. L. Erwin, Sybleton ..	4	3	3	6	6	1	6	1	6	64	6	300 00	1889
Longview ..	J. D. Hendricks, Bradley ..	E. A. Buckner, Longview ..	4	3	3	6	6	1	6	1	6	64	6	300 00	1889
Ennis ..	J. D. Hendricks, Bradley ..	J. F. Douglass, Maben ..	4	3	3	6	6	1	6	1	6	64	6	300 00	1889
Center Gro'e ..	Jasper Watson, Maben ..	J. F. Douglass, Maben ..	4	3	3	6	6	1	6	1	6	64	6	300 00	1889

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The two pages following should have come on page 17, following the paragraph ending "The property is now valued at \$60,000.00."

105 children reported on hand; 40 received last year and 13 given back to their mothers or near relatives.

We recommend this Institution as one of the most sacred trusts that Mississippi Baptists have and further recommend that every Baptist church in this Association take a thanksgiving collection the same time in November for this noble cause.

Our church letters show the following amounts given for this cause last year; to wit:

Mt. Moriah.....	\$ 10 00
Ebenezer.....	2 60
Woodsprings.....	2 30
Bethlehem.....	5 00
Providence.....	4 00
French Camp.....	25 00
Fentress.....	3 00
Spring Hill.....	4 00
Ackerman.....	19 00
Wake Forest.....	1 00
Double Springs.....	1 00
Self Creek.....	50
Crape Creek.....	1 00
Bear Creek.....	17 35
Bluff Springs.....	1 53
Center Grove.....	1 00
McCurtain's Creek.....	5 20
Clear Springs.....	2 00
Sykes Chapel.....	45
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Respectfully submitted,

W. H. TAYLOR,
J. H. MCARTY,
JASPER WATSON.

The association adopted the following

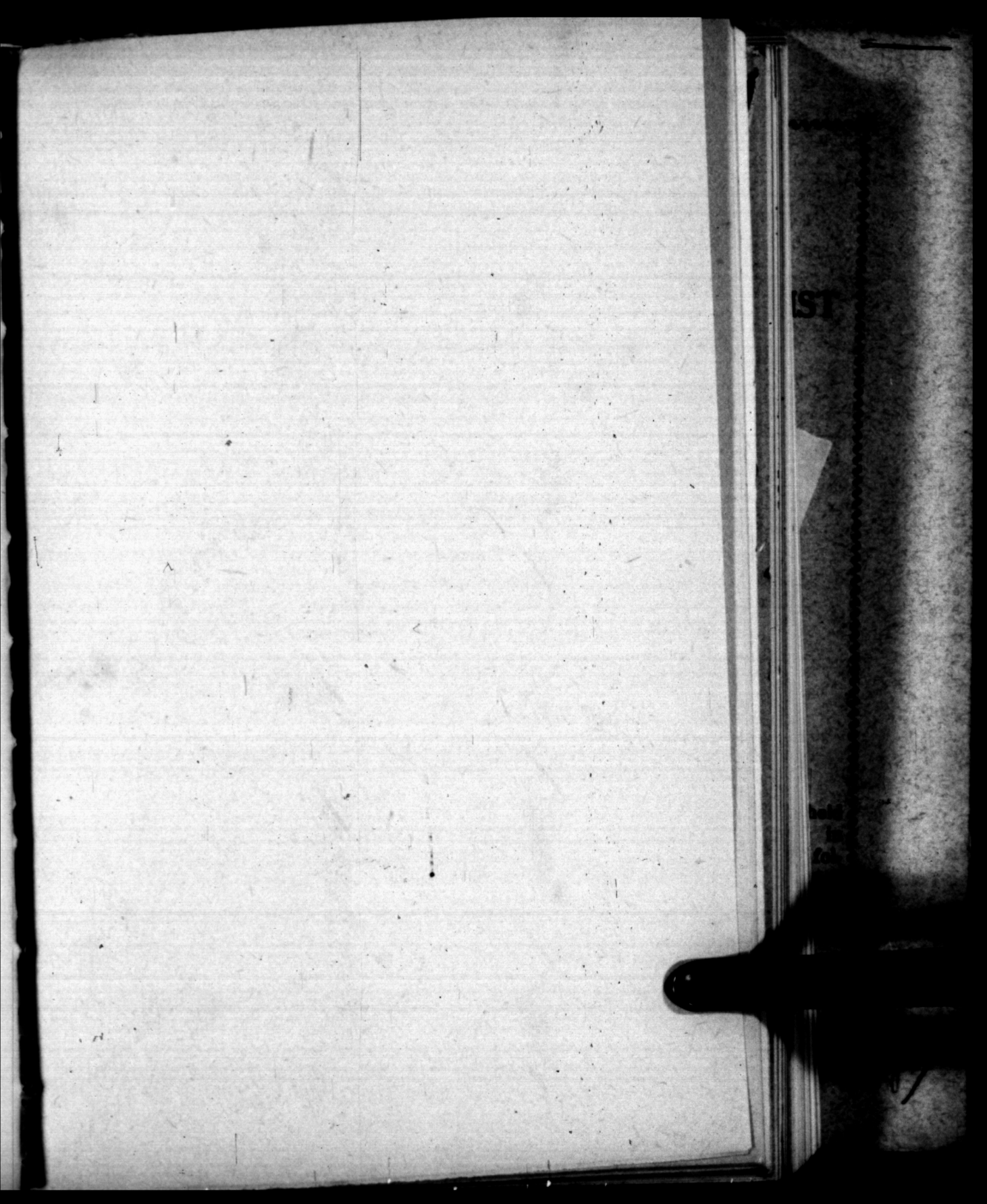
Report on Sustentation.

This report has to do with one class of God's helpelss and needy ones, with those who are now or who deserve to be beneficiaries of our sustentation fund. Those include our brethren in the ministry and their wives, whose active labors have ceased because of infirmities by disease or old age; and along with these are the widows of preachers now left in needy circumstances. These appeal loudly in their enforced silence and suffering to our sense of honor, of justice and of righteousness for our sympathy and support. They have been in the dust and heat of battle; they have borne the banner of the gospel far to the front. Some, hearing the song of victory, have laid down their armour and have passed over to the land of eternal peace, but in parting they have left loved ones for our care and to the gracious protection of Him who has said: "I will never leave you comfortless." Others just as worthy have not yet entered into rest, but are way-worn and battle-scarred. By the Great Commander in his providence, they have been placed upon the retired list. Our nation rewards the hero and pensions the faithful, disabled soldier. Shall we be less considerate of the faithful in Christ Jesus, whose valor on many a hard fought field has won imperishable laurels? In honoring them we honor Christ. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of them, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." There are now enrolled twenty names of men and women who are receiving aid from our sustentation fund. Some of these are very aged and some are very much afflicted.

There has been paid out this year \$1,200.00 and we want at least \$2,000.00 for this cause next year. And we ask all the pastors and brethren to take a collection for this cause before Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BURNEY.



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OFFICERS:

N. D. ADAMS

Moderator

S. B. DOBBS,

Clerk

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Blythe Creek Church, Choctaw County, Mississippi, six miles south of Mathiston on the Southern Railway and two miles north of Reform on the M. J. & K. C. R. R.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—R. A. Eddleman.
Alternate—G. D. Weatherall.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Appointment of Special Committees.
5. Miscellaneous Business.
6. Report on Missions.
7. Report on Systematic Giving.
8. Report on Sunday Schools.
9. Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.
10. Report on Publications.
11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Sustentation.
13. Report on Obituaries.
14. Report on Orphanage.
15. Report of S. B. C. Delegate.
16. Report of Treasurer.
17. Report of Executive Board.
18. Report of Finance Committee.
19. Appointment of Standing Committees.
20. Prayer.

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J. E. PERRY.....	Ackerman
JOHN PERRY.....	Ackerman
SAMUEL R. GARDNER.....	Chester
J. B. WORRELL.....	Fentress
H. L. RHODES.....	Ackerman
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STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Missions—L. M. Adams, C. D. Dunn, Jesse Weeks.
 Systematic Giving—R. A. Eddleman, C. A. Steele, E. D. Bowie.
 Sunday School—H. L. Rhodes, W. A. Taylor, J. T. Howard.
 Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—F. R. Burney, B. C. McGinty, J. H. Kite.
 Publications—J. R. Nutt, J. L. Smith, Luckett Black.
 Temperance—J. H. D. Watson, M. A. Carr, D. M. Berry.
 Sustentation—S. B. Dobbs, F. T. Milligan, J. M. Black.
 Obituaries—B. C. Watson, C. S. Bowls, R. M. Cotton.
 Orphanage—J. J. Carter, W. H. Taylor, Geo. Bennett.
 Nominations—F. Priest, M. B. Oswalt, N. A. Adams.

Historical Table,

Date	Place	Introductory Sermon	Moderator	Clerk
1892	Chester	Organization.....	N. Q. Adams.....	J. R. W. Foster...
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson ..	N. Q. Adams.....	J. R. W. Foster...
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Long	N. Q. Adams.....	J. R. W. Foster...
1895	Bethlehem	W. H. H. Fancher ..	N. Q. Adams.....	J. R. W. Foster...
1896	Providence	Chas. H. Lewis.....	N. Q. Adams.....	J. R. W. Foster...
1897	Pleasant Ridge...	David Burney	W. H. H. Fancher ..	J. R. W. Foster...
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkins	W. H. H. Fancher ..	S. B. Dobbs.....
1899	Mount Pisgah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. H. Fancher ..	S. B. Dobbs.....
1900	Beulah	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher ..	S. B. Dobbs.....
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher ..	S. B. Dobbs.....
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher ..	S. B. Dobbs.....
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. H. Fancher ..	W. H. H. Fancher ..	S. B. Dobbs.....
1904	Clear Springs	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher ..	S. B. Dobbs.....
1905	Self Creek	J. K. Thornton	N. Q. Adams.....	S. B. Dobbs.....
1906	Ebenezer	R. A. Eddleman	N. Q. Adams.....	S. B. Dobbs.....

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CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, upon producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen, and convened shall be known by the name of Chester Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, or infringe on any integral rights of the churches in union, but merely to be considered as an advisory council in matters respecting their internal concerns, for the common benefit of all the churches; but the association shall have the power to withdraw from any church which violates or deviates from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

3. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the association written communications specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last report or session, which shall be read and minuted.

4. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz.: Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and no more, and any church failing to represent herself as above stated shall state her reasons at the next session.

5. New churches may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters, if upon due examination they be found worthy, orderly and orthodox. The Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving their delegates the right hand, in token of Christian fellowship.

6. The association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

7. At every session of the association a moderator shall be elected by and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the association on all

subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall also be elected, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings, each holding his office until a regular election, and that in said elections it shall require a majority vote to elect.

8. The association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

9. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter certifying that she has tried to reconcile it, but failed. In such case the association shall take it under consideration, and the voices of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

10. The association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all the moneys thus contributed shall be sent by delegates and paid over to the Finance Committee. If moneys have been sent off during the year, such statement shall be made in the letter. A finance committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the association's funds and dispose of same agreeable to order of association, and make, at every session, a fair report of their proceedings.

11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session.

12. The association shall not adjourn any session until they have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

13. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes.

14. The association, in all cases, shall be governed by a majority of the members present.

15. Amendment to the Constitution may be made at any session of the body when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one living God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Deut. 6-4; Mark 12-29; First John 5-7.

2. We believe the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, ~~and~~ the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. Second Tim. 3-16; Romans 10-18.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1, 4, 5 and 11; Second Thes. 2-13; Romans 9-11 and 11-5.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Ps. 51-5; Rom. 7-14, 17.

5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Rom. 9-16; John 6-44.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Isaiah 55-17; Romans 4-3.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. John 10-16; First Thes. 2-12; John 17-2; First Cor. 6-11.

8. We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Col. 3-3; First Peter 1-5.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptisms, and that by immersion only was the apostolic practice. Matt. 28-19 and 27; Col. 2-12; Rom. 6-5.

10. We believe in the resurrection after death, and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 5-20, 28; Second Cor. 5-10.

12. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is

regularly baptized, called and comes under the inspiration of the hands of a presbytery. Eph. 4-5; First Cor. 9-15; Acts 14-23; First Tim. 4-14.

18. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts 2-41, 42; Luke 22-19, 20.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. The moderator shall be considered as judge of order, and shall have a discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and, obtaining permission, shall proceed.

6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

9. When a question is taken up, after allowing a sufficient time for debate, the moderator shall take the vote and announce the decision.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the moderator.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak

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12. The appellation of brother shall be used in the association by members in their addresses one to another.

13. The names of members shall be called as often as the association may desire.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt a speaker.

15. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote upon any question unless the association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules shall be reprov'd by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.



PROCEEDINGS.

The Chester Baptist Association met in its fourteenth annual session with Ebenezer Church, Choctaw county, Mississippi, on the 6th day of October, A. D. 1906, the congregation singing "How Firm a Foundation."

The moderator read scriptural lesson 104th Psalm, after which was led in prayer by Bro. B. E. Watson.

The moderator appointed Bro. R. A. Eddleman and N. A. Adams as reading clerks, and Bro. J. M. Black, J. H. Ward and D. M. Berry on finance committee.

The reading of the church letters was then commenced, and the following names of delegates enrolled from the letters, towit:

Ackerman—Rev. J. R. Nutt, H. L. Rhodes, S. B. Dobbs; M. L. Adams, alternate.

Clear Springs—J. W. Ramage, M. L. Gregg, R. H. Gregg; Sam Fant, alternate.

Wake Forest—D. M. Berry, N. A. Adams, Solon Dobbs; R. E. Hannah, alternate.

Poplar Creek—R. B. Power, L. J. Boothe, E. J. Chastine.

New Zion—J. T. Weatherall, C. M. Hodges, L. H. Higgins; J. T. King, alternate.

Providence—S. S. Johnson, William Henderson, John Wells; W. L. Mills, alternate.

Ennis—D. B. Jackson, P. M. Brach.

Blythe Creek—F. T. Mulligan, C. B. Brooks, T. A. Hester; M. Brooks, alternate.

New Haven—G. D. Weatherall, N. W. Nail, J. A. Chamblee; G. W. Crenshaw, alternate.

Mt. Pisgah—H. F. Brody, W. J. Dodel, B. F. Bollis; J. A. Bowles, alternate.

Bear Creek—M. A. Carr, J. W. Ward, George Carr; J. H. Frazier, alternate.

Fellowship—Noah Fanchen, Rossie Franklin, Estille Middleton; Jim McKee, alternate.

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Crape Creek—J. W. Wills, Pat Box, Luther Bramlett.

Ebenezer—J. N. Pearson, J. W. Woods, Monroe Burney; W. G. Box, alternate.

Bethany—J. M. Weaver, J. A. Jones, R. T. Middess; J. M. Quinn, alternate.

Beulah—S. J. Steele, Eugene Cochran, R. H. Eddleman; E. T. Black, alternate.

Mt. Moriah—J. H. Kite, J. E. Wassell, H. M. Steele, J. P. Prewitt, alternate.

Bethlehem—C. Snow, C. D. Dunn, Joe Weeks; Billie Graves, alternate.

Spring Valley—F. Priest, M. B. Oswalt.

Bluff Springs—C. A. Lindsey, John Gregg, C. H. Franklin; John Coleman, alternate.

Spring Hill—W. J. Laney, Irvin Oswalt, W. H. Mitchell; D. N. Bradbery, alternate.

New Hope—Tommie Edwards, J. R. Yeatman.

Double Springs—N. M. Moore, S. A. Reed, J. L. Reed; W. P. Reed, alternate.

Pleasant Ridge—N. Q. Adams, G. M. Vaughan, J. R. McIntosh; J. R. Blake, alternate.

Self Creek—C. O. Neely, F. T. Neely, C. Y. Scroggins; Frank Jany, alternate.

McCurtain's Creek—Dr. T. M. Holloway, Will Nail, W. J. Trussel; and wife.

Mt. Olivet—R. M. Cotton, Houston Smith, J. W. Butler; Rock Shelton, alternate.

Sykes Chapel—J. S. Sykes, R. B. Lewis, G. W. Hall; Albert Hall, alternate.

Fentress—E. J. Sommers, Joe Thompson, J. H. Prewitt; R. D. Prewitt, alternate.

The hour for preaching the introductory sermon having arrived, and the appointee not being present, on motion Bro. R. A. Eddleman was requested to preach in his stead. The association then suspended business to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by Bro. R.

A. Eddleman from Luke 17-32, after which the association took a recess until two o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met pursuant to adjournment, the congregation singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The association then went into permanent organization, when Bro. N. Q. Adams was elected moderator and S. B. Dobbs clerk by acclamation, after which was led in prayer by Rev. J. R. Nutt.

Bro. F. R. Burney here presented the moderator with a gavel, made of wood from Lookout Mountain, which was obtained while attending the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn.

On call for petitionary letters, Spring Valley Church at Mathiston presented a petitionary letter, and on motion was received into the association, and Bros. F. R. Priest and M. B. Oswalt were seated as delegates, the moderator extending to them the right hand as a token of Christian fellowship.

On call for correspondence, there were present Bro. A. V. Rowe, corresponding secretary of the Convention Board; G. L. Sutton, from Zion Association; F. R. Burney, representing the Southern Baptist Convention.

Return Correspondence:

Louisville Association—R. A. Eddleman, S. B. Dobbs and M. L. Gregg.

Kosciusko Association—H. L. Rhodes.

Columbus—N. Q. Adams.

Zion—F. R. Burney and Noah Fandren.

State Convention—J. R. Nutt, F. R. Burney, H. L. Rhodes, R. A. Eddleman and S. B. Dobbs.

The moderator appointed as committee on devotional exercises the pastor and deacons of Ebenezer Church and J. T. Mulligan and Noah Fandren.

The committee on systematic giving made the following report:

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REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Every one of the thirty odd churches in the Chester Association, and every one of the more than three thousand members of these churches are supposed to be missionary in spirit; but it is a sad fact that they are not in practice. If this statement be true, there must be something lacking and that something must be lack of system in our giving. System is absolutely necessary in the successful accomplishment of anything that requires any effort to accomplish. If we do the work that is our duty and privilege to do, we must have a system better than that now in operation. Some of us have no system at all, and none of us have one that will reach all the members.

Some of the Associations have adopted the Apportionment plan, but we do not believe that it meets the demand, nor does it give the best results.

We need a system by which every member can be reached, and can be induced to obey the admonition of St. Paul when he said: "Let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Conditions in all churches are not the same. A fixed rule might not work with equal beneficial results in all, but perhaps each pastor, with the assistance of the liberally giving brethren of his congregations, could devise some plan by which he could reach the masses. The present need is to get more to give some and not some to give more.

H. L. RHODES.

J. P. JOHNSON.

The report, after being discussed by Bro. H. L. Rhodes and Bro. A. V. Rowe, was adopted.

The committee on ministerial education and Mississippi College made the following report:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., are institutions that appeal to every true Baptist in the State. They are great institutions for good and for the cause of God. To these schools the Baptists of Mississippi look for assistance in the education and preparation of their young ministers for the great work that they are intended to do. We owe it to the cause of Christ, to ourselves as Baptists, and to those who thirst after knowledge, to give liberal donations to support ministerial students in both of these great schools.

The number of ministerial students who attended the Mississippi College last session is the largest in the history of the

college. There were fifty-seven, about thirty-five of whom received assistance from the ministerial board. The assistance received by these was inadequate to meet the demands for necessary expenses. The total amount received by the board from all sources for last year was \$2050.00, and the amount expended \$2043.00, leaving a very small sum balance.

The number of ministerial students has materially increased for the past few years, which necessitates a proportionate increase in the contributions.

Dr. H. F. Sproles now has charge of the Bible Department in Mississippi College. He is one of the strongest preachers in the South, and is an able instructor. His services will be a great boon to the ministerial students at the college, as well as to other students interested in Bible study. His connection with the college will add great stability to it in a general way.

Mississippi College has made a great forward movement within the past few months. The General Education Board has agreed to donate the sum of \$25,000 to be used in the erection of new buildings, on condition that the college raise \$75,000 to be used for that purpose. To President W. T. Lowery the Herculean task of raising the \$75,000 was entrusted by the Board of Trustees of the college. That he is the proper man to take up the work has been proven by the grand success with which his efforts have been crowned. The entire amount will be raised before the time expires, January 1, 1907.

Andrew Carnegie has also agreed to donate the sum of \$20,000 to the Endowment Fund, which will give the college an endowment of \$125,000.

The Jennings family, of Water Valley, have donated the sum of \$20,000 to be used in the erection of a science hall for the college, same to be a memorial building for the late Captain Y. D. Jennings.

With the addition of \$120,000 worth of new buildings and \$20,000 to the Endowment Fund, the college will be placed on a much firmer basis, and will improve and enlarge its facilities for the better accommodation of the constantly increasing number who knock at her doors for admission.

Three hundred and sixty were enrolled as students of the college last year, and the number for this season will exceed that number. Thus we see that the field of the college is being widened and broadened, and she is marching grandly on in the great work that God intended should be wrought there.

The subjects of ministerial education and Mississippi College are so closely identified that in many respects they are one and inseparable. What benefits the one is a direct help to the other;

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Respectfully submitted,

L. M. ADAMS,

J. R. NUTT,

Committee.

After discussion by Bros. J. R. Nutt, A. V. Rowe and L. M. Adams, the report was adopted.

The moderator made the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees, to wit:

Sunday Schools—G. D. Weatherall and L. M. Adams.

Publication—H. L. Rhodes and B. E. Watson.

Temperance—J. T. Weatherall and F. Priest.

Orphanage—R. A. Eddleman and F. R. Burney.

The committee on devotional exercises made a partial report, that Bro. A. V. Rowe preach at eleven o'clock on the following morning.

On motion the association adjourned until nine o'clock the following day.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The association met pursuant to adjournment, the congregation singing "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep?" after which it was led in prayer by H. L. Rhodes.

On motion the association took up the report on Sunday schools, and the committee made the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Only seventeen churches in the association report Sunday schools. Of these thirteen schools have 699 members enrolled, with forty-eight teachers. This is a good showing for the thirteen schools, being a little more than fifty-three average for each school; but the showing is very poor for the association as a whole, only seventeen Sunday schools out of thirty-five churches in the association. Every church should have a live, working Sunday school.

It is as important to teach as to preach. Most of the churches in the association have preaching only one Sunday in each month, and this makes it the more important that there be a Sunday school in each church, so the members can go there

and study the Word and thus get in closer touch with the work and closer communion with God. Let the delegates from each church return home with a fixed purpose to have a Sunday school organized where there is none now, and to add greater zeal to the work than ever before. It is possible for every church in the association to have a Sunday school, and what a happy day it would be in the Chester association if at the next session every church would report that they have organized and established a Sunday school. It is a great work and should have the hearty and enthusiastic support of every Christian worker.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. WEATHERALL,

L. M. ADAMS,

Committee.

The report was discussed by L. M. Adams, J. R. Nutt and A. V. Rowe, and adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. R. Nutt, the moderator was instructed to appoint a Sunday school correspondent to confer with Bro. Byrd and arrange for him to visit our association during the year. Whereupon the moderator appointed Bro. H. L. Rhodes as Sunday school correspondent for the association.

On motion the preaching at two o'clock was dispensed with, and the report on missions set for that hour.

Bro. A. V. Rowe preached at eleven o'clock, after which the association was led in prayer by Bro. J. H. D. Watson.

The association adjourned until two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association convened pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on devotional exercises reported that G. L. Suttan preach at 7:30 tonight.

The committee on missions made the following report:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

By missions we mean the work presided over by our different boards, State, home and foreign. By State missions, which is the foundation of all other missions, we go into the destitute places of our own State, and by thus laying the foundation for greater work in the expansion of our Redeemer's kingdom, home missions, we reach, as far as our limited means will admit, the

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destitution of our beloved Southland and the the isle of Cuba, the Indian Territory and Oklahoma. Foreign missions, through this board, we are striving to reach earth's remotest bounds. The command of the Master, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," should be laid upon the heart and conscience of every Christian. We are redeemed and brought into the kingdom of Christ for His service; the great, loving heart of the Master embraces all humanity. The great need of the world today is the preaching of the Cross of Christ and the acceptance of His salvation.

Certainly there could be no more crying need, no more taunting appeal, than comes from the outstretched arms of the heathen world, and their Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."

Mississippi gave last year to foreign missions \$20,380.85; asked this year for \$25,000. To home missions last year \$11,672.59.

Brethren, with a proper conception of our duty and our responsibility along this line, this is only the beginning. When the burden of the great command is laid upon our hearts right, then will we be awakened to what we should do.

Your committee appeals to every loyal Baptist to have a part in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. BURNEY.

The report was discussed by F. R. Burney, J. R. Nutt, J. E. Byrd, A. V. Rowe, and was adopted.

On motion the association adjourned until nine o'clock the following morning.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The association met pursuant to adjournment, the congregation singing "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," after which the association was led in prayer by Bro. G. L. Sutton.

The committee on publications made the following report:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

What we read has largely to do with our thoughts and forming our ideas. If we read good, wholesome literature, we reap the same kind of results; but if we read light literature, we fill our minds and lives with frivolous thoughts and deeds.

This being true, it is of the utmost importance that we read none but the right kind of books and papers.

Your committee recommends for our daily reading the blessed Word of God, the book of all books. We also recommend the Foreign Missions Journal, the Home Field, the Orphanage Gem, and especially our own State paper, the Baptist Record. For Sunday school study, the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. RHODES,

B. C. WATSON.

The report was spoken to by B. E. Watson, F. R. Burney, J. E. Byrd and J. H. D. Hendricks, and adopted.

The committee on temperance made the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The primary meaning of the word "Temperance" is moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions. But the very fact that, today, when we hear the word intemperance, we scarcely think of anything except the evils of the grog shop, shows to what an alarming extent the whiskey habit has grown. It is claimed in position by those in position to know, and we believe it to be a fact, that it is responsible, directly or indirectly, for three-fourths of all the crimes committed, and four-fifths of all the murders done. It entices our boys from our homes and sends them forth as tramps and vagabonds in the land. Yes, this demon has dragged down the gifted and the noble from all classes and filled our asylums and our prisons. We therefore invoke the aid and sympathy of all lovers of home and happiness; the fervent prayers of all Christians, and the light and guidance of Almighty God in our struggle against this monster evil.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WEATHERALL, for Committee.

After discussion of the report by G. D. Weatherall, M. V. Oswalt and others, it was adopted.

The committee on sustentation reported as follows:

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

When we speak of sustentation we refer to a class that need our sympathy, our prayers and our support. But have we given them our attention and cared for them as we should and as God demands? For, if there is any one that appeals to our sympathies, surely it is those old battle-scarred veterans that have

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borne the burden in the heat of the day. We have one in our association, Bro. W. H. Edwards, who is a beneficiary of this fund, and one that needs our support.

Mississippi Baptists gave last year to this great cause \$1,672.58. The Chester Association gave \$14.35. There are in the State fifteen that are being helped through our board.

Your committee earnestly request that each church in this association take a collection for this cause during the month of November and forward to Bro. Rowe, that we may gladden the hearts of those that are just waiting for the summons when God will call them home and hear Him saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. EDDLEMAN,
F. R. BURNEY.

Pending the decision of the report, a collection was taken up for Bro. W. A. Edwards and Bro. David Burney, which amounted to \$14.25 for Bro. Edwards and \$8.00 for Bro. Burney.

The committee on obituaries reported as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Death is thought to be by many the end of life, but for the child of God it is only the beginning. "Now we know in part, but then we shall know as we are known." "When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Your committee find, from reading the letters, that twelve members of our churches have fallen asleep, and have passed to their reward. We make special mention of the Rev. W. H. Fancher, who was for a number of years moderator of the Chester Association, and recommend that a page in our minutes bearing his portrait and the date of his birth and death, be ascribed to him for his faithful services.

Respectfully,

J. R. NUTT,
D. M. BERRY,
Committee.

On motion of S. B. Dobbs, the moderator appointed J. R. Nutt, J. J. Carter and H. L. Rhodes to draft suitable lines to be spread upon one page of the minutes in memory of Bro. W. H. H. Fancher.



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W. H. H. FANCHER.

Since the last meeting of our association God has seen proper to take from our number one of our ablest and best preachers, Rev. W. H. H. Fancher. He was a true father, a faithful husband, a noble Christian and an earnest preacher. He was for several years moderator of the Louisville Association, and was moderator of the Chester Association when he was taken sick, which position he had filled with satisfaction to all the brethren for a number of years; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates of Chester Association, extend to his family our deepest sympathy and prayers, that God may comfort them by His own blessed Spirit and help them to see that "all things work together for good to them who love God."

J. R. NUTT,

J. J. CARTER,

H. L. RHODES,
Committee.

The committee on the Mississippi Orphanage made the following report, which was adopted by the association:

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI ORPHANAGE.

In order that we may preserve in our records the vital points concerning the early history of the Orphanage, and may thus more fully appreciate its growth and development since, your committee think it wise to restate the following facts:

The Orphanage was chartered July 18, 1894, and on May 12, 1897, in a rented cottage on West Capitol street, Jackson, Miss., its doors were opened to destitute orphans. Since this time the Baptists of Mississippi have purchased one hundred and twelve acres of land in the northwest suburbs of Jackson, the original cost of which was \$2400, now valued at \$60,000, property consisting of buildings, live stock, farming utensils, etc., valued at \$40,000, has been placed there since; total valuation, one hundred thousand dollars.

The institution is the property of the Baptist denomination of Mississippi, with its ownership vested in a board of trustees empowered by law to hold the property for the purpose of maintaining an orphanage for destitute white orphans.

The new brick building, which was begun in April of 1905, was completed last November, at a cost of \$19,600, all of which has been paid.

The total amount of money raised last year was \$15,677.06. The total amount expended was \$16,777.06, leaving an indebtedness of \$1100.

During the last conventional year twenty-eight children have been received and twenty-three placed in good homes, leaving a total now of one hundred and ten. Under the excellent care and guidance of Rev. J. R. Carter and wife, the children are being developed physically, mentally and morally, in a way that will fit them for useful, intelligent and upright citizens.

In view of the present needs, and in order to put the Orphanage entirely out of debt, we, your committee, recommend, first, that all churches be asked to make contributions to the present need of the Orphanage; second, that in consideration of the weight of responsibility placed upon Rev. J. R. Carter and wife, we ask that earnest Christians will pray for them, that they may be guided by an all-wise Father in shaping the destiny of these little ones committed to their care.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. D. WATSON, Chrmn.

J. R. Burney, delegate to the Southern Baptist Association, made a report of the workings of the convention;

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also a statement of his expenses, which amounted to \$15.15, with a credit of \$3.95, and the treasurer was instructed to pay him \$11.20, the balance on his expense account.

The association then elected R. A. Eddleman as delegate to the next Southern Baptist Convention, and G. D. Watherall alternate.

On motion the place for the holding of the next meeting of the association was taken up, when Bethany, Long View and Blythe Creek were put in nomination and the vote taken, which resulted in favor of Blythe Creek.

Bro. J. E. Boyd, Sunday school evangelist, being present, made an address to the association on Sunday schools.

The treasurer made his report, which was adopted by the association:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Chester Association:

I beg to report the following amounts of money received and disbursed by me since my last report, to wit:

Sept. 30, 1905—Cash on hand last report.....	\$ 8.14
Sept. 30, 1905—Received for minutes Finance Committee	35.35
Sept. 30, 1905—Received for State Missions, Fin. Com..	6.10
Sept. 30, 1905—Received for Home Missions, Fin. Com..	19.13
Sept. 30, 1905—Received for Foreign Missions, Fin. Com.	21.98
Sept. 30, 1905—Received for Associat'l Mis., Fin. Com..	20.65
Sept. 30, 1905—Received for Minist'l Educ'n, Fin. Com..	1.50
Sept. 30, 1905—Received for Orphanage, Fin. Com.....	26.48
March, 1906—Crape Creek Church, D. S. B. C.....	1.35
March, 1906—Received from Ebenezer Church, D. S. B. C.	2.60

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Oct. 23, 1905—By amt. paid J. R. Chester for Orph.....	\$ 26.48
Oct. 23, 1905—By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, State Missions.	6.10
Oct. 23, 1905—By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, For'n Missions.	21.98
Oct. 23, 1905—By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Home Missions,	19.13
Oct. 23, 1905—By amt. paid W. T. Lowry, Min. Educ'n..	1.50
Nov. 30, 1905—By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Ass't Mis.....	21.65
Nov. 30, 1905—By amt. paid printing minutes.....	25.00
Nov. 30, 1905—By amt. paid express and stamps.....	10.25

March, 1906—By amt. paid F. R. Burney, D. S. B. C.... 3.95
 Oct. 6, 1905—By cash on hand to bal..... 7.24

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Respectfully submitted,

S. B. DOBBS, Treasurer.

The finance committee made the following report, and was adopted by the association:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report for 1906:

Oct. 6—Received for minutes	\$ 84.90
Oct. 6—Received for State Missions.....	13.50
Oct. 6—Received for Home Missions.....	19.25
Oct. 6—Received for Foreign Missions.....	9.05
Oct. 6—Received for Associational Missions.....	22.45
Oct. 6—Received for Orphanage (collection).....	28.15
Oct. 6—Received for Associational purposes.....	14.30
Oct. 6—Received for sustentation	3.00

Total \$144.60

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. BERRY,

J. H. WARD,

J. M. BLACK.

The committee on nominations reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend H. L. Rhodes to preach the next introductory sermon, and J. R. Nutt alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PRIEST,

M. B. OSWALT,

N. A. ADAMS.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$20.00 for services as clerk for the two years of 1905 and 1906.

On motion each church was requested to send seventy-five cents additional to the clerk to pay for the printing of the minutes.

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The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this association be tendered to the membership of Ebenezer Church and community for their kindness shown the delegates and visitors of this association during their stay here.

On motion the association adjourned.

N. Q. ADAMS, *Moderator.*

S. B. DOBBS, *Clerk.*



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Sunday School Statistics.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	Kind of Literature	No. Teachers	Number of Pupils	Sunday School Expenses	Baptisms
Ackerman	S. B. Dobbs	E. S. Cole	B. Con.	4	50	\$ 30 00	4
Double Springs	H. O. Lane	S. A. Reed	B. Con.	3	65	4 00	
Poplar Creek	J. W. Vail	Sam Dyre	B. Con.	3	40	12 80	
Higley Creek	A. R. Heiser	W. F. Livingston	B. Con.	5	68	7 00	11
Heulah						4 96	1
New Haven	J. A. Chumblee		B. Con.	2	15	6 40	2
Fellowship	W. J. Dobbs	R. L. Franklin	B. Con.	5	97		12
Mt. Pisgah	Wm. Dodd	C. A. Bowles	B. Con.	3	22	4 00	1
New Hope	F. E. Ramsey	G. E. Carpenter	B. Con.	3	4	2 00	15
Bethlehem	C. D. Dunn	Joe Weeks	B. Con.	4	66	25 25	
French Camp						2 30	
Wake Forest	R. E. Hahnsh	N. A. Adams	B.	3	46		6
Hebany							
Butt Springs	C. A. Lindsey	W. W. Bagwell	B. Con.	4	80	17 00	22
Pleasant Ridge	C. S. Pandey	Miss Fannie Sanders	B. Con.	3	64	3 00	
Self Creek	W. E. Fulham	V. Sherman	B. Con.	3	60	7 75	11
Mt. Olivet	J. F. McKee	J. W. Butler	B. Con.	4	40	1 80	9
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FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Purposes	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Printing Minutes	Sustentation	Miss. College	Total
Ackerman	\$ 400.00		\$ 0.50	\$ 25.70	\$ 50.00				\$ 1.75		\$ 75.50		\$ 13.75			\$ 2.00		\$ 350.00	\$ 969.70
Beckham	125.00								25.50		25.00		11.45			2.30		200.00	200.00
Hill Creek	53.00	\$ 300.00		18.00	7.00				1.00	\$ 1.00	5.50		3.00			2.75		10.85	381.28
Heart Creek	94.00										19.00					2.25		190.38	190.38
Hartman	135.00		17.45	5.75	4.85	\$ 12.00			7.70	2.00	5.50	\$ 5.00	1.75			1.25		98.95	100.00
Hudson	75.00			10.00	18.00				2.00	4.00			2.25			1.25		10.00	10.00
Hunt Springs																			5.00
Center Grove																			177.80
Crook Creek	60.00	100.00		7.75	4.00					1.10	1.00								1.80
Double Springs		25.00																	
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Eden	50.00			18.50	6.40				3.00	1.00	1.00		1.00						367.81
Fellowship	50.00			92.35	23.15				11.30	1.00	19.51		5.00						236.95
French Camp	200.00			18.35					3.50	1.00	7.00								235.65
McCurran's Creek	80.00	150.00		7.75	1.80				1.00	3.50	3.50		12.00						47.40
McCurran	38.00																		90.25
Mt. Olivet	50.00	100.00		21.86					5.00	3.00	6.40	11.90							40.80
Mt. Mariah	75.00			19.85					1.00		3.40								59.05
Mt. P. Leah				5.00							2.50								56.35
New Zion	40.00								2.50	2.50	2.50								12.00
New Haven	50.00			4.30	3.00				2.50	1.50	8.00	13.00							72.90
New Hope	50.00																		12.00
Pleasant Ridge																			51.25
Providence			50	5.00	13.50						3.22								25.25
Poplar Creek									1.00	1.00									
Rubama	50.00			17.00															1.65
Spring Hill																			91.50
Sturges									1.15										
Sturges Chapel	60.00			12.00	7.75				2.00	2.00		1.00							158.55
Self Creek																			4.25
Spring Valley									50	1.00									
Wake Forest	67.50	60.00		2.50	2.30				1.00	1.00	1.00								
Ward's Springs																			
Longview																			
Totals	\$1892.50	\$ 965.00	\$53.80	\$314.86	\$130.00	\$34.00	\$ 2.65	\$25.85	\$91.95	\$24.00	\$205.11	\$32.90	\$76.15	\$20.80	\$ 7.00	\$51.05	\$2.00	\$353.00	\$3847.71

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	Post Office	CLERK	Post Office	ADDED BY			LOST BY			Total Decrease	Total Membership	Value Church Property	Organized
					Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Total Increase	Letter	Exclusion	Death			
Ackerman	J. R. Nutt	Ackerman	J. P. Johnson	Ackerman	15	6	6	6	1	22	6	119	\$600 00	1888
Belehem	J. R. Nutt	Ackerman	E. Snow	Ackerman	17	1	2	16	4	1	2	23	100 00	1885
Bythe Creek	N. Q. Adams	Sturges	A. R. Hester	Mathison	1	5	1	24	1	1	2	6	128	1812
Beulah	J. T. Sargent	Ackerman	H. B. Black	McCool	7	3	1	4	1	1	1	9	500 00	1861
Berhany	B. E. Watson	Weir	W. Steedman	Ackerman	27	5	1	10	6	1	1	8	800 00	1865
Bear Creek	J. R. Nutt	Ackerman	Q. M. Frazier	McCool	24	8	1	33	9	1	1	10	162	1862
Bluff Springs	J. L. Phelps	Empora	C. H. Franklin	Emp. ors.	5	6	1	11	3	3	1	6	600 00	1871
Clear Springs	Jasper Watson	Maben	J. L. Neely	Maben	18	3	1	16	2	1	1	4	300 00	1874
Double Springs	F. R. Hussey	Huntsville	J. W. Vauzhu	Stewart	5	1	1	9	2	1	1	7	300 00	1882
Ebenezer	T. H. Middleton	Clarkson	T. F. Wilson	French Camp	3	1	1	6	2	1	1	4	48	1892
Fellowship	J. R. Nutt	Ackerman	R. D. Prewell	Fenress	5	3	1	9	3	1	1	7	127	1880
French Camp	J. H. D. Watson	Huntsville	W. J. Tussell	Weir	10	3	1	12	1	1	1	4	53	1882
McCourtain's Crk	T. H. Middleton	Matheson	J. T. McKee	Sturges	10	3	1	13	2	1	1	4	98	1848
Mt. Olive	H. L. Rhodes	Ackerman	Sam Prewell	Weir	4	1	1	4	6	3	1	2	102	1845
Mt. Marsh	M. C. Allen	Empora	B. F. Hollis	Mathison	4	6	1	15	4	1	1	2	137	1888
New Zion	J. T. Sargent	Ackerman	J. A. Chamber	Weir	6	7	2	15	4	1	1	2	137	1880
New Haven	J. B. Hendricks	Ackerman	W. W. Carpenter	Lonview	3	1	1	4	14	5	1	13	143	1905
Pleasant Ridge	N. B. Wallace	Locklauna	F. N. Sanders	Bradly	1	1	1	4	5	1	1	9	800 00	1849
Providence	J. H. D. Watson	Ackerman	S. D. McCarty	Chester	3	1	1	11	11	1	1	13	99	1849
Poplar Creek	J. T. Sargent	Ackerman	L. J. Barthe	Syblion	7	1	2	10	5	6	2	13	128	1842
Rahanna	V. Q. Adams	Sturges	J. W. Kelum	Ackerman	11	11	1	22	10	1	1	4	94	1889
Spring Hill	J. D. Hendricks	Lonview	R. B. Lewis	Bradly	10	1	1	17	6	4	1	3	68	1880
Stakes Chapel	N. Q. Adams	Sturges	E. O. Neely	Maben	4	2	1	10	6	1	1	8	101	1882
Self Creek	J. L. Smith	Weir	Eshin Hannah	Sturges	4	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	60	1852
Sping Valley	J. L. Smith	Weir	A. L. E. Wile	Lonview	4	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	100 00	1852
Wake Forest	J. L. Smith	Weir	R. M. Patterson	Sturges	4	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	100 00	1852
Wood Springs	J. L. Smith	Weir			4	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	100 00	1852
Crape Creek	J. L. Smith	Weir			4	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	100 00	1852
Lonview	J. D. Hendricks	Lonview			4	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	100 00	1852
Paints	J. D. Hendricks	Lonview			4	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	100 00	1852
Center Grove	J. D. Hendricks	Lonview			4	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	100 00	1852



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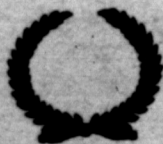
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N. Q. ADAMS *Moderator*
S. B. DOBBS *Clerk*

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Mt. Moriah Church, Choctaw County, Mississippi, five miles northwest of Weir, Miss., on the Aberdeen branch of the Illinois Central Railroad.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. Roberts; alternate, Dr. J. M. Kellum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Appointment of Special Committees.
5. Miscellaneous Business.
6. Report on Missions.
7. Report on Systematic Giving.
8. Report on Sunday Schools.
9. Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.
10. Report on Publication.
11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Sustentation.
13. Report on Obituaries.
14. Report on Orphanage.

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15. Report of Southern Baptist Convention Delegate.
16. Report of Treasurer.
17. Report of Executive Board.
18. Report of Finance Committee.
19. Appointment of Standing Committees.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. ADAMS	Sturgis
MOSES BLACK	Ackerman
F. R. BURNEY	Huntsville
C. H. DOBBS	Mathiston
W. J. DOBBS	Mathiston
W. A. EDWARDS	Ackerman
J. H. D. WATSON	Weir
B. E. WATSON	Weir
JASPER WATSON	Maben
J. R. NUTT	Ackerman
E. L. TAYLOR	Ackerman
TOM TOMLINSON	Sturgis
M. A. CARR	McCool
R. A. EDDLEMAN	Weir
J. L. SMITH	Chester
G. L. SULTAN	Chester
J. E. PHILLIPS	Sturges
SAM GORDEN	Chester

LICENTIATES.

W. P. GRIFFIN	Ackerman
J. E. PERRY	Ackerman
JOHN PERRY	Ackerman
H. L. RHODES	Ackerman
J. B. WASSELL	Fentress
J. J. RAY	Tom Nolen
S. A. WILSON	Longview
JOHNNIE SIMPSON	Longview

STANDING COMMITTEES.

MISSIONS — R. A. Eddleman, W. H. Taylor, and J. T. Howard.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING—F. R. Burney, C. A. Sted, and J. H. Kite.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—J. J. Carter, George Bennett, and J. L. Smith.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. R. Nutt, W. H. Taylor, and C. Snow.

PUBLICATIONS — H. L. Rhodes, Luckett Black, and Jesse Weeks.

TEMPERANCE—S. B. Dobbs, C. S. Bowles, and L. C. Funderberg.

SUSTENTATION—J. H. D. Watson, Wm. Henderson, and W. L. Mills.

OBITUARIES — R. M. Cotton, N. A. Adams, and Jesse Neely.

ORPHANAGE—L. M. Adams, C. Y. Scroggins and Tommie Fox.

NOMINATIONS—T. A. Hester, B. C. McGasity, and Vester Shelton.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Date	Place	Introductory Sermon	Moderator	Clerk
1892	Chester	Organization	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster..
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster..
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Long	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster..
1895	Bethlehem	W. H. Fancher	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster..
1896	Providence	C. H. Lewis	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster..
1897	Pleasant Ridge	D. Burry	W. H. Fancher	J. R. W. Foster..
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkins	W. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs.....
1899	Mt. Pisgah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs.....
1900	Beulah	N. Q. Adams	W. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs.....
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs.....
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs.....
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. Fancher	W. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs.....
1904	Clear Springs	N. Q. Adams	W. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs.....
1905	Self Creek	J. K. Thornton	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs.....
1906	Ebenezer	R. A. Eddleman	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs.....
1907	Blythe Creek	H. L. Rhodes	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs.....

In Memoriam

REV. DAVID BURNEY,

It is with sadness that we take note of the death of our beloved brother, Rev. David Burney. One by one our noble brethren are called away. God knows what is best, and we bow with humble submission to His will.

Brother David Burney was loved by all who knew him. He was a faithful preacher and a consecrated pastor. He was afflicted nearly all his life, but never did a faithful soldier bear his afflictions with more Christian fortitude and courage than Brother Burney. Never was a child of God more willing to go, for the song in his soul was, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." His faith grew brighter and brighter as the days went by. Peacefully he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, whom he had so faithfully served for many years.

Resolved, That we, the delegates to the Chester Association, extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy and prayers in this sad providence that has befallen them. May the God of all comfort and grace give to them the grace to sustain them in their deep sorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. NUTT.

Proceedings.

The Chester Baptist Association met in its fifteenth annual session with Blythe Creek Church, Choctaw County, Mississippi, on this the 5th day of October, 1907.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. N. Q. Adams. After singing, "How Firm a Foundation," the Moderator led in devotional exercises; then read a part of the 116th Psalm. Prayer was offered by Dr. A. V. Rowe.

The Moderator appointed Jesse Neely, Jim McKee and J. W. Franklin on Finance Committee, and H. L. Rhodes and J. H. D. Watson as Reading Clerks.

On motion the reading of the church letters was dispensed with, and the church letters were handed in, from which the Clerk enrolled the following list of delegates, to wit:

Ackerman — Rev. J. R. Nutt, M. L. Adams and S. B. Dobbs.

Bethlehem—Paton Barron, Gus Graves and Sam Dunn.

Blythe Creek—J. R. McClain, S. F. Fancher, and G. H. Fancher.

Beulah—W. A. Coleman, John Bradberry, George McCulloch; Henry Black, alternate.

Bethany—W. Stedman, T. A. Bruce, and M. Busby.

Bear Creek—W. J. Frazier, E. B. Roberts, R. L. Black, and J. A. Veal.

Bluff Springs — H. F. Tedder, C. H. Franklin, C. A. Lindsey, and T. J. Lindsey.

Clear Springs—J. W. Ramage, J. T. Stephenson, and W. T. Dresden; J. W. Miller, alternate.

Double Springs — J. R. Bell, W. F. Archibald, J. L. Neely, and S. A. Reed; W. H. Shonders, alternate.

Ebenezer—F. M. Burney, J. A. Vaughn, and J. N. Cummings.

Fellowship—J. W. Franklin, J. E. Fandren, and W. J. Dobbs; Noah Fandren, alternate.

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Fentress — Joe Thompson, Henry Sides, Quince Edwards, and R. D. Prewitt.

McCurtain's Creek—C. C. Sheedy, K. L. Tennison, J. E. Trussell, and Will Nail.

Mt. Olivet—T. J. McKee, Vester Shelton, R. M. Cotton, and Geo. McCafferty, alternate.

Mt. Moriah—H. M. Steel and T. J. Howard.

Mt. Pisgah—C. A. Bowles, H. L. Allen, B. F. Bollis; H. F. Brock, alternate.

New Zion — Anderson Montgomery, B. Busford, and Estell Blair.

New Haven—G. W. Fox, G. W. Crenshaw, and G. D. Weatherall; R. L. Franks, alternate.

New Hope—W. W. Carpenter and Jas. K. Yeatman.

Pleasant Ridge—N. Q. Adams, L. C. Funderberg, and G. M. Vaughn.

Providence — Geo. Adams, Walter Bowen, and John Gregg; S. D. McCarty, alternate.

Poplar Creek—Sam Dyer, S. G. Threadgill, and Walter Townsend.

Rhuamer—G. L. Sutlan, B. C. McGarity, J. E. Perry, and Will Edwards.

Spring Hill—J. P. Williams, E. W. Oswalt, D. N. Bradberry, and J. T. Fancher.

Sturges—Rev. Thos. Tomlinson, Rev. J. E. Phillips, and Addie Shroud.

Sykes Chapel—T. A. Hall, R. B. Lewis, and J. N. Upchurch.

Self Creek—W. E. Fulgham, W. C. Williams, and Tom Quinn; W. J. Butler, alternate.

Spring Valley — Henry Oswalt, C. H. Dobbs, and F. Priest.

Wake Forest—D. M. Berry, E. A. Green, N. A. Adams; Jim Woodson, alternate.

Wood Springs—J. T. Collier, T. V. Fox, and Dan Peacock; Cleveland Collier, alternate.

Crape Church—Luther Bramlett, C. V. Rushing and Pat Box.

Long View—J. W. Shaw.

Ennis—P. M. Roach and W. G. Roach.

Center Grove—J. T. Ray, C. T. Woods, and J. W. Douglass.

The Association then went into permanent organization, when Rev. N. Q. Adams was elected Moderator and S. B. Dobbs Clerk.

On call for correspondence there were present:

Rev. A. V. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary, Convention Board.

T. J. Bailey, representing The Baptist Record.

Kosciusko Association—M. W. Sims and R. F. Wade.

Louisville Association—Rev. J. T. Sargent, W. J. Sargent and N. B. Wallace.

Returned correspondence:

Kosciusko Association—R. A. Eddleman.

Louisville Association—J. R. Nutt, Thos. Tomlinson, and G. L. Suttan.

State Baptist Convention—J. R. Nutt, H. L. Rhodes, R. A. Eddleman, B. C. McGarity, S. B. Dobbs, and N. Q. Adams.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the Association adjourned to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by Rev. H. L. Rhodes, after which the Association took a recess until two o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on devotional exercises, towit: B. C. McGarity, D. M. Berry and F. Priest, and the deacons of Blythe Creek Church.

On motion the report on Missions was deferred until tomorrow evening, and the report on Publications was taken up, and is as follows:

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

No one can estimate the power of the press upon the civilization of today. As a means of spreading knowledge and of sending forth information, the press is unsurpassed.

It has been said that information is the best safeguard against slavery and against crime, both social and political. If the people of Russia had been informed they never would have been dragged into a war in which they had no concern. China would not be so far behind the times today were it not for the suppression of the press and the freedom of speech. The freedom of the press has had no little part in making the United States the greatest nation on earth. There is not a leading question before the people today but that it receives a positive or negative influence from the press.

Mr. Bryan recently said that the printing press was the thinking force of the age. The merchant, the politician, and even all the professional world, look to the press for leadership. If this is true of the secular press, what must be said of the religious press? The religious press deals not with material things, but with spiritual. It has to do with the things that concern the kingdom of Christ. Its business is not in politics. It has decidedly a higher sphere of activity. The mission of the religious press is to bring the world to the Christ ideal. Through the religious press today God is speaking to a lost world. Thousands of Bibles are printed every day, thousands of tracts and good books are printed and given away. We are taught that the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. The religious press is God's agency in carrying on this world-wide movement.

To this end we earnestly recommend that an earnest consideration be given to the interests of our own paper, the Baptist Record. It is the best paper in the State, and not only in the State, but it is by far the best paper in the world for Mississippi Baptists. There isn't a Baptist in the State that can afford to do without the paper. If he is the kind of a Baptist that he ought to be he won't do without it. If he wants to keep abreast of the times and well posted on the things that concern the kingdom of God, and especially in Mississippi, he must read the Baptist Record. We think of it with a sense of sadness and shame that there are so many of the members of the churches in the Chester Association that do not take the Baptist Record, neither do they take any kind of a religious paper.

Your committee would earnestly recommend that some steps be taken to increase the circulation of the Baptist Record among the members of the different churches in the Chester Association.

We also recommend the Orphan's Gem, the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal, and the publications of the Sunday School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. NUTT, for Committee.

The above report, after being discussed by J. R. Nutt, J. R. Bailey, A. V. Rowe and G. L. Sutton, was adopted.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following Committee on the Laymen's Movement, to wit: Thos. Tomlinson; and asked that he report at this meeting of the Association.

The place of the next meeting of the Association was taken up, when Mt. Moriah Church was placed in nomination and received the unanimous vote of the Association.

On motion J. L. Wade and Isaac Fancher were seated as delegates from Bear Creek Church.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report as follows: Rev. J. R. Nutt to preach tonight at the church; Rev. T. J. Bailey at Sherwood; N. B. Wallace at Trinity, and J. H. D. Watson at Reform; and tomorrow at 11 o'clock Rev. A. V. Rowe to preach in the house, and Rev. T. J. Sargent in the grove.

The Committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGES AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Mississippi College.

This institution has stood for higher education of our young men since 1826. Fifty-six years of this time the College has been owned and controlled by the Baptists of Mississippi. While her record has been glorious, her prospects are more glorious still. There were 440 students enrolled last year. We certainly will enroll 500 this session.

Its Needs.—It needs, first, your prayers and your co-operation; second, we need your help. The Jennings' hall will soon be completed and ready for occupancy. Our opportunities are great for doing large things for the Lord, in enlarging and equipping our College, and looking to higher education of our young men. Encouraging progress is being made along this line. Your committee earnestly requests that the attention of our people be called to this important work, and that they see that a collection is taken in all our churches.

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Ministerial Education.

This is one of our important works. Our preachers must be educated, and it is our duty to see that such necessary arrangements be made looking to this end, both at Mississippi College and S. B. T. Seminary.

Your committee recommends that an effort be made to induce our young preachers to attend our own schools, and that this Association endeavor to raise \$500 for ministerial education during the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. BURNEY, for Committee.

Bro. F. R. Burney spoke earnestly of the report in behalf of the College.

Pending the discussion of the report, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, the congregation singing, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Led in prayer by Rev. J. H. D. Watson.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School work is indeed a part of the work of the church. The Bible not only teaches men to study the Scriptures for themselves, but also to teach them to their children and grandchildren. The Sunday School is the best place in the world to do either. The Bible contains a vast deal of most valuable history. To obtain this information alone is enough to cause people to study it; but when we take into consideration the great lessons pertaining to our happiness here and our soul's salvation, we wonder how people can afford to neglect it.

In our Sunday Schools is found one of the best places on earth for personal work. Even the pastor has not the influence over the members of a class that the teacher has. The work done by a faithful and consecrated Sunday School teacher is seldom exceeded by the home influence. This is not necessarily true, but too often it is.

From a study of the Sunday School interest at present as gleaned from the reports of the various schools in the church letters, we take new courage and press on, thankful to God for the success we have had and rejoicing in the hope that there are still better things in the near future for us. It is hardly probable

that there will be a Sunday School in every church in the Association for several years yet, but if such a thing should happen, and it is possible, within the next few years, it would be one of the greatest steps forward, filling the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord that could be taken. Let us hope that this may be the case, and work for its accomplishment. This is the time of our opportunity

Very respectfully submitted,

H. L. RHODES,

W. L. TAYLOR.

The above report, after being discussed by J. R. Nutt, T. J. Bailey, Thos. Tomlinson, A. V. Rowe and W. M. Sims, was adopted.

The Association adjourned for preaching.

Rev. A. V. Rowe preached at 11 o'clock a. m. in the house, from 2nd Cor. 5-21. Rev. J. T. Sargent preached in the grove, after which a collection was taken for sustentation, amounting to \$29.30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Missions made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS:

When we discuss the subject of Missions, our visions should be extended, our conceptions broadened and deepened, and we should elevate ourselves to a position so high that our Christian horizon will be co-extensive with the whole world; because the work embraced under the one general subject of missions is not confined to any one locality, state or nation, but is world-wide. "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead on the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

In our modern way of having some system in most everything that we do, whether business, social or religious, this great work has very properly been divided into three departments—State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The State Mission Board looks after the weak and struggling churches of the State, and sends evangelists and workers into destitute places, where there are no churches, for the purpose of organizing churches and Sunday Schools, etc. Although we are

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blessed with a high order of Christian civilization, and the dominating force and power of the church influences are felt on every hand, yet it is almost astounding when we investigate and learn the number of people, and even whole communities, that are in darkness and night within the borders of our own proud Commonwealth. The movement on the part of the State Convention to place regular evangelists in the field, and the general evangelistic spirit now prevailing, are doing much to hasten the day when there will not remain a dark corner in the whole length and breadth of our State.

The Home Mission Board has charge of the work in the States and other territory belonging to or under the protection of the United States which is within easy reach. By means of the tireless efforts of the officers of this Board, and the unselfish devotion to the cause by the workers in the field, this work is being constantly enlarged and the Lord's kingdom more firmly established in all places under the jurisdiction of the Home Board.

The foreign field is the most important of any of the three, but is only more important in proportion to its number of unsaved men and women. The rule in the business world is that the larger the undertaking or work to be done, just in that proportion the facilities and means for doing the work are increased, but not so with the religious world of today. We have many more preachers and workers within our own State than we have in the foreign fields. In the heathen lands, where the greatest work is needed to be done, the laborers are fewest. Yet this great and blessed work will all be accomplished, and the whole world, Greek and Barbarian, Jew and Gentile, will do obeisance to Jesus Christ, their Lord and King, in God's appointed time.

So with Christians of today, it is not so much a question of whether this great missionary work, in State, Home and Foreign fields, will be done, but the momentous question confronting us as an association, as churches, and as individuals, is what part will we have in promoting, carrying on and consummating the evangelization of the world.

Perhaps by knowing what we have been doing, we can get an idea of where we will stand when the day comes for the prizes and rewards to be distributed. According to statistical table of the various associations in the State for the last associational year, as it appears in the minutes of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, held at Hazlehurst in July, 1907, we find that the Chester Association reported 35 churches, 3301 members, and \$425.46 contributed to missions (State, Home and Foreign all combined); an average of \$12.10 for each church and an average of 13 cents for each member. In the same table we find that 53 associations in the whole State contributed to missions the sum

of \$50,983, an average of \$962 for each association. So that by way of comparison the Chester Association does not come up to one-half of an average; and this, too, in spite of the fact that she has considerably more than an average number of churches and members within the association; there being only eight associations in the State having a larger number of churches and only 12 having a larger membership. Have we any pride, any self respect, as church members, as churches, or as an association? Then let's assert it and answer the call for increased contributions to each department of missions, by giving more than double the amount contributed by us during the last associational year, and thus bring our association up to an average at least.

Let each of us pray God's forgiveness for our unworthiness in the cause of missions as exhibited by the smallness of our contributions to this cause, and that He will make clear to every Christian in the Chester Association his duty with reference to giving to missions, and that when we know our duty we may do it, and not wander aimlessly about in the wilderness like the children of Israel, because of our disobedience and unbelief.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. ADAMS,
C. D. DUNN,
JESSE WEEKS,

Committee.

The above report, after discussion by L. M. Adams and A. V. Rowe, was adopted.

The Committee on the Laymen Movement made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN MOVEMENT.

In the providence of God, He has finally laid it on the hearts of laymen to organize themselves and make it their business to evangelize the world in this generation. Jesus said, "Know ye not I must be about my Father's business." Hence it devolves upon us as laymen to make it our supreme business to carry out the mission of Christ. Too long already has this work been neglected by laymen.

We recommend that a committee of five be appointed from this Association, who, co-operating with a like committee from the State Convention, shall formulate and execute plans to push this movement into every church within the bounds of this Association, and this committee report at the next sitting of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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The discussion of the report of the Committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education was resumed, and after discussion by J. R. Nutt and Thos. Tomlinson, was adopted.

The Association adjourned until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, the congregation singing, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Led in prayer by Rev. J. R. Nutt, after which the Association spent a few minutes' service in Scriptural quotations.

J. R. Nutt, N. A. Adams and J. R. Gregg were appointed to fill vacancies and make report on Obituaries.

A petitionary letter from Cypress Baptist Church, Oktibbeha County, Miss., was presented, and the church was received in full fellowship of the Association.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, would report as follows: We realize that the temperance cause is of vast importance, not only to the upbuilding and spiritual development of the churches, but to the elevation of humanity and the establishment of good citizenship.

We are aware of the fact that the rapid progress made in the temperance cause in the last few years is largely due to the united efforts of God's people on this line in the churches.

In our judgment, there is no evil so destructive to our churches and the upbuilding of good morals as the use of intoxicating liquors. It leads astray the young and rising generation, the hope of our churches and the hope of our country.

There should be endless war on the part of all good people against the temptation of drink, which blasts so many homes and leads to crimes innumerable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. D. WATSON, Chairman.

Pending discussion of the above report, the following resolution was offered and adopted, to wit:

"Resolved, That we, the delegates to the Chester Baptist Association, request the representatives of Choctaw, Oktibbeha and Attala counties to do all in their power to give us statutory prohibition at the next session of the legislature."

After which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Systematic Giving made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING..

In the mind of your committee there is not a more important question than that of systematic giving. "Have the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of thine increase, for man shall appear before me empty," saith the Lord. "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

We further emphasize the point made by your committee of 1906: "That it is not so much the question of getting some to give more, but more to give some." Therefore we need a system by which not only a few but every member can be reached. Hence we, your committee, do not know of any better plan by which the people of this Association can be reached than that the pastors of each church and the leading members adopt such a system as would be practical in each individual church.

In conclusion, we further recommend that the pastors take this under prayerful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. EDDLEMAN, Chairman.

After discussion of the above report by R. A. Eddleman and others, the same was adopted.

The Committee on Sustentation made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION.

We, your Committee on Sustentation, would report as follows: We believe that it is the duty of the churches to look after the aged and poor among the saints. In First Timothy, fifth chapter, we are admonished, not to rebuke an elder, but to entreat him as a father, and the elder women as mothers, and the Apostle, speaking of other classes in the same chapter, says: "Let their people relieve them, so that the church may not be charged with them; so that the church may relieve them that are widows indeed." Thus clearly setting forth that it is the duty of the

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Christ, when about to be taken from the earth, commended the care of His own mother to His beloved disciple John, and in this letter to Timothy the Apostle Paul entreats us to care for our elders as we would for our father or mother, and especially do we think this our duty with reference to our fathers and mothers in Zion.

The men and women who have given their lives for the Cause of Christ and the establishing and upbuilding of His kingdom among us, should be looked after by us.

We are glad that our Convention Board has taken this matter in hand, and is making a systematized effort for the care of our needy. Last year they spent \$1273.71 for the relief and support of sixteen of our aged ministers and their widows, and we believe this fund should be increased; and your committee recommends that the pastors call the attention of their churches to this fund and urge that a collection be taken for this purpose some time during the month of December.

Pending the adoption of the above report, a collection was taken for W. J. Crow which amounted to \$17.00, and one for W. A. Edwards, which amounted to \$20.50, Beulah Church giving \$10.00 of this last amount.

The Committee on Obituaries made, and the Association adopted, the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES,

Death comes alike to one and all. Go where you will, yet death will find you at the last. It is the last debt that we owe to God, and that debt must be paid. God, in His providence, has visited the different churches in our Association and has taken away twenty-eight (28) precious souls. We haven't the space in this report to make special mention of their names, but we ask for the privilege of making mention of one—Rev. David Burney, a more faithful, consecrated servant of God never lived. We recommend that a page in our minutes be ascribed to him for his faithful services, and that the Moderator appoint a special committee to draft suitable resolutions of sympathy and respect.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. NUTT,
N. A. ADAMS,
J. E. GRIGG,

The Moderator appointed J. R. Nutt, S. B. Dobbs and R. A. Eddleman a special committee to draft resolution in memory of Bro. David Burney.

The Committee on Orphanage made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage, located in our Capital City, is an institution owned, controlled and sustained by the Baptists of Mississippi. It is the most valuable possession of our denomination in the State, with the exception of Mississippi College. The property alone is said to be worth over one hundred thousand dollars. but its true value is not to be estimated in dollars and cents. but in the great work in the moral, physical, educational and Christian development of the many children who have and may hereafter be numbered among its inmates, in preparing them for the duties of life and honorable citizenship, and in the giving of a home, sweet home to the homeless orphans of our State.

The Orphanage has been managed and supervised since its organization, nearly fourteen years since, by two of the most self-sacrificing ministers of the Gospel within our State, to wit, Rev. L. S. Foster, its founder, and Dr. J. R. Carter. Under their wise management the past history of the Orphanage has been creditable to them and satisfactory to the denomination. No taint of dishonesty, unkindness or lack of love for the little ones under their care has occurred to darken a single page of the history of our Orphans' Home.

Brother Carter's little family of orphans numbers at this time one hundred and thirty-eight; seventy girls and sixty-eight boys. All are in good health, with appetites for good things to eat and a propensity to wear good clothes, just like our children of the Chester Association, and they perhaps are now looking this way, praying God to put it into our hearts to aid liberally in supplying their needs. Will we do it?

The School.

The school facilities of the Orphanage have been greatly improved. The Superintendent and several citizens near the Orphanage formed a corporation and have secured a charter for a high school, located in easy reach of the Orphanage, and they now have an eight months' school, giving employment to three teachers.

The Gem.

The Orphanage has its own printing press, and publishes a neat, interesting, eight-page paper, and issues about 45,000 copies each month. Through it the people are kept informed as to the work and needs of the Home. The advanced girls and boys do much of the work on the paper, and will leave the Home with a knowledge of the art of printing. The price of The Gem is only twenty-five cents, and yet it is a source of income to the institution.

Every Baptist family in Mississippi would act wisely in subscribing for the Orphanage Gem.

Improvements.

Much improvement has been done on the building and farm of the Orphanage. Buildings have been moved, machinery added, and conveniences not heretofore enjoyed are very apparent to any visitor to the Home. Up-to-date and modern methods of farming, laundrying, dairying, and such like, are taught the inmates of our Orphans' Home.

The Farm.

The crops grown on the Orphanage farm add greatly to supplying the needs of the Home. It will produce this year between six or seven hundred bushels of corn, about 500 bushels of sweet potatoes, 150 bushels of Irish potatoes, and all the vegetables needed for the Orphanage. This is better than many of our good farmers can report.

The needs of the Orphanage are enlarged facilities in every way to care for the great number of orphans of our State in a way complimentary to the Baptists, the leading denomination of the State of Mississippi; regular contributions, and also all our prayers and words of encouragement and sympathy to the faithful Superintendent and consecrated helpers under his direction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. CARTER, Chairman.

After discussion of the above report by Thos. Tomlinson and others, the same was adopted.

R. A. Eddleman, delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, made his report, and the clerk was instructed to pay him \$35.00 for his expenses to said convention.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report for 1907:

Received for associational purposes.....	\$ 33.95
Received for minutes	42.65
Received for State Missions.....	1.00
Received for Home Missions	22.30
Received for Foreign Missions.....	13.86
Received for other objects.....	.80
Received for Orphanage	28.25
Received for Ministerial Education.....	1.00
Received for Ministerial Relief.....	2.20
Received for Sustentation.....	29.30
Total.....	\$ 169.31

The Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I beg to report the following moneys received and disbursed by me as Treasurer since my last report, towit:

1906—October 6—

To cash on hand last report.....	\$ 7.24
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Minutes.....	34.90
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, State Missions...	13.50
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Home Missions...	19.25
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Foreign Missions...	9.05
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Asso. Missions...	22.45
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Orphanage.....	28.15
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Asso. purposes...	14.30
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Sustentation...	3.00
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Bro. Edwards...	14.25
To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee, Bro. Burney....	8.00
To amt. rec'd for Minutes.....	16.75

Total.....\$ 190.85

By amt. paid Orphanage.....	\$ 28.15
By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, State Missions.....	13.50
By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Home Missions.....	19.25
By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Foreign Missions.....	9.05
By amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Asso. Missions.....	22.45
To amt. paid F. R. Burney, D. S. B. C.....	11.20
To amt. paid W. A. Edwards.....	14.25
To amt. paid David Burney.....	8.00
To amt. paid Clerk, 1905-1906.....	20.00
To amt. paid A. V. Rowe, Sustentation.....	3.00
To amt. paid Printing Minutes.....	32.00
To amt. paid Express and Postage.....	9.00

Total.....\$ 190.85

Respectfully submitted, this October 5th, 1907.

S. B. DOBBS, Treasurer.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services as clerk.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations report as follows: We

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nominate J. R. Nutt to preach the next introductory sermon, and J. H. D. Watson as alternate. We nominate John Weatherall, Rufus D. Prewitt and J. R. W. Foster as the Executive Committee for the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. McGARITY,

T. H. HESTER.

A. B. Roberts was then elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. J. M. Kellum, alternate.

The following resolutions of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the membership of Blythe Creek Church and community for their kindness shown the delegates and visitors of this Association during their stay here.

On motion the Association adjourned.

N. B. ADAMS, Moderator.

S. B. DOBBS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors	Postoffice	Clerk	Post Office	ADDED			LOST BY			Totals	Total Membership	Value Property	Organized
					Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Death				
Ackerman	J R Nutt.	Ackerman	W F Cole	Ackerman	16	11	1	4	3	7	1408	4000	1888	
Bethlehem	J R Nutt.	Ackerman	Eli Snow	Ackerman	6	1				116	600	1895		
Bythe Creek	N Q Adams.	Sturges.	A R Hestor	Mathiston	5	1			4	5	129	600	1872	
Beulah	J T Sargent.	Ackerman.	A H B Black	McCool.	23	8	2	3	1	135	50	1861		
Bethab	J E Watson	Weir.	W Steadman	Ackerman	5				1	98	300	1882		
Bear Creek	J R Nutt.	Ackerman.	Q M Frazier	McCool	25	6	1	15	1	16	282	800		
Bluff Springs.	J L Phelps.	Eupora	Joe Feddis	Eupora	19	3		22		177	400			
Clear Springs.	J T Carroll.	Stewart	J H Coleman	Chester.	9	10		3	1	5	166			
Double Springs.	F R Burney	Huntsville.	Jack Deacon	Stewart	2					1	146	700	1821	
Ebenezer.	T H Middleton	Clanton	T M Jones	Mathiston				5		60	300	1874		
Fellowship	F R Nutt.	Ackerman.	R D Wilson	French Camp	10	6		2		6	91	350	1852	
French Camp	F R Burney	Huntsville	R D Drewitt	Ackerman	20	1				3	82	1700		
Frensch	J H D Watson	Weir.	C J Barr	Weir	1			4		6	67	30	1892	
McCurtains' Creek	T H Middleton	Mathiston	J T McKee	Sturges	6		2	2		12	112	600		
Mt. Olivet	R A Edelman	Weir	Sam Dravitt	Weir	8			8		2	57		1862	
Mt. Moriah	G L Sutton	Chester	B F Bolles	Mathiston	7	3		6	3	9	600	1848		
Mt. Pisgah	R A Edelman	Weir.	J B Barford	Weir	10	10		10	2	103	350	1845		
New Zion	J E Phillips	Sturges.	J A Chambies	Weir	64	9	4	11	1	6	207	500	1885	
New Hope	N Q Adams.	Sturges.	W Carpenter	Longview	4			4		11	43	500	1905	
Pleasant Ridge	J H D Watson	Weir.	F N Van Dess	Longview	14	4		16	1	157	157		1886	
Providence	J T Sargent.	Ackerman	S D McCarthy	Chester.	11	6		17	5	9	145		1886	
Poplar Creek	G L Sutton.	Chester	L J Booth.	Sybleton.	2			2	2	4	97	80	1849	
Rhubar.	N Q Adams	Sturges.	J R W Foster	Chester.	1			1	5	6	500		1849	
Spring Hill	J E Phillips.	Sturges.	J W Kellen	Ackerman.	13	1	2	16	3	4	140	600	1842	
Sturges.					10	5		15	7	7	50	750		
Sykes Chapel			T A Hal	Longview				20		1	26		1884	
Self Creek	L Phillips	Eupora	E O Neely	Maben	14	5	19	20		1	118	600	1893	
Spring Valley	W J Dobbs.	Mathiston.	J H Richs	Clark	3	33		7		3	62	100		
Wake Forest	J T Carroll	Stewart	J E Hannah	Sturgis.	12	2	1	2		9	42		1887	
Woods' Springs.	J T Sargent.	Ackerman.	A L Krwin	Sybleton	7	3		10	1	115	600	1849		
Grave Creek	J H Dricks	Longview	W G Roach.	Sturges	1					—	67	600	1852	
Longview	N B Wallace.	Longview	T A Kester.	Sturges	6	21		2		2	70	400	1867	
Kanis.					23			44		2	43			
Center Grove														
Cypress.														
Totals.					367	137	13	141	47	126	3535	81784		

FINANCIAL TABLE.

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FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Association Purposes	Association Missions	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Orphanage	Ministerial Board	Ministerial Relief	Sustentation	Minutes	Total
Ackerman	\$400 00	\$2000 00	\$32 80	\$32 55	\$12 00				\$76 00	\$49 00	\$35 32		\$23 36				\$2 00	\$4181 51
Bethlehem	125 00								13 25	7 00	25 15		15 00				1 25	182 65
Blythe Creek	50 00			15 00	7 00				45 60		13 60	4 00	50 10				1 50	96 30
Bear Creek	175 00			22 90									5 00				1 00	270 00
Bethany				11 10		15 35											1 50	36 45
Beulah	150 00		9 00	43 00	3 25				14 00	1 75	1 75		2 00				1 25	287 25
Bluff Springs	100 00				4 45						4 00		1 00				1 00	709 45
Clear Springs	30 50			7 00						1 25			1 00				1 00	38 00
Center Grove																	1 00	4 00
Cape Creek																	1 00	4 00
Cypress				31 00						1 00	1 00		1 45				1 50	5 50
Double Springs				3 50													1 50	3 50
Ebenezer																	1 00	1 00
Emmiship			12 03														1 50	12 03
French Camp	200 00			22 00		20 00			15 55	2 00	22 65		31 50	11 05	1 20		1 50	304 35
Fentress	50 00										6 03		5 10				1 00	102 03
McCurran's Creek	50 00										2 20		3 40				1 75	58 15
Mt Olivet	40 00			11 10							2 46		8 35				1 50	61 15
Mt Moriah	125 00	50 00	15 20	5 00	4 00	15 00			7 00	1 50	9 00		1 50				1 50	239 25
Mt Pisgah	75 00		50 00		1 50				1 80	1 50	7 00		11 65				1 00	174 90
New Zion	56 00			10 40					8 00	5 00	5 15		2 50				1 25	134 75
New Haven	100 00	91 00		12 25					4 75	2 50	5 15		2 50				1 10	228 30
New Hope	75 00			17 00					4 60	4 60	7 50		2 50				1 00	84 00
Pleasant Ridge											1 70		2 20				1 25	34 30
Providence				14 00						1 75	1 70		2 20				1 00	34 30
Popular Creek	50 00	5 45									5 10		2 20				1 25	6 90
Rhuanor	38 60	100 00		12 00					1 00	4 00	2 65		3 50				1 35	20 40
Spring Hill	210 00	3 10	3 50	88 50	3 75				1 00	1 00	4 00		6 00				1 50	164 40
Sturges										7 50	4 00		6 25				2 00	681 00
Sturges Chapel																	1 00	1 00
Self Creek	46 60	15 00		21 00	2 10				1 00	1 00	6 25		1 00				1 00	104 80
Spring Valley	100 00																1 00	102 25
Wake Forest																	1 00	5 50
Woods Springs				5 50	5 00				85	85	1 25						1 00	12 25
Longview	25 00																1 00	25 00
Total	\$2188 20	\$190 00	\$75 82	\$427 20	\$445 00	\$50 35	\$1 00	\$21 35	\$204 30	\$102 50	\$107 52	\$4 00	\$156 26	\$12 15	\$2 40		\$42 00	\$6332 7

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Name of School.	Superintendent	Secretary	Kind of Literature	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	S. S. Expenses	No. Baptisms
Ackerman	S. B. Dobbs	E. S. Cale	S. B. C.	5	50	12.00	10
Sturges	A. F. Richards	Miss Mae Kolb	"	4	5	9.75	9
New Hope	F. F. Ramsey	G. Carpenter	"	4	36		4
Pleasant Ridge	C. S. Fandren	Mrs. S. Sykes	"				
Mt. Pisgah	J. L. Atkins				1	50	
Self Creek	W. G. Fulgham	Beulah Ray	"	3	5	2.10	5
Beulah	H. B. Black	Mrs. S. Black	"	4	65	3.25	12
Wake Forest	N. A. Adams	Miss O. Hannah	"	2	23	4.00	
Wood Springs	T. V. Fox	W. B. Fox	"	3	40		12
French Camp	J. J. Carter	Clark Banks	"	3	35		10
Blythe Creek	A. R. Hester	Herman Hester	"	4	37	7.00	4
New Zion	J. T. Weatherell	J. H. Miney	"	3	2		
Mt. Moriah	M. L. Harris	A. H. Howard	"	4	30	4.00	
New Haven	G. W. Weatherell	J. M. Fair	"	3	50		
Bluff Springs	C. A. Lindsey	W. W. Bagwell	"	4	85	4.45	13
				46	571	48.05	79

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